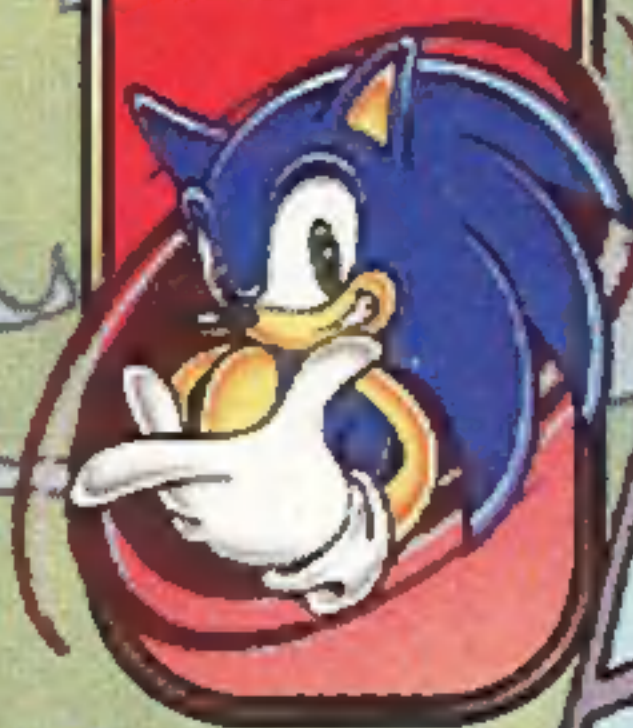


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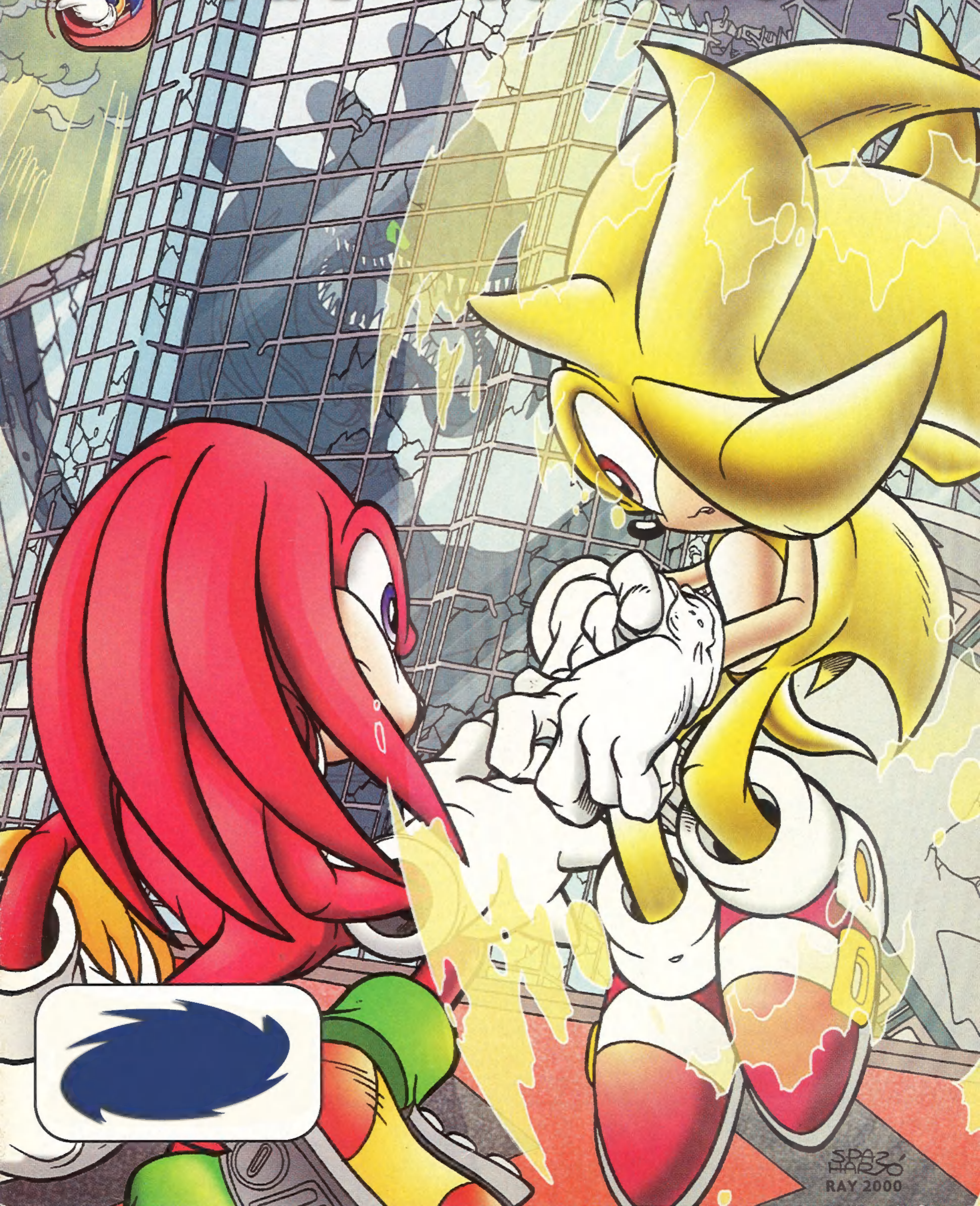


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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty was restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



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DEEP INSIDE THE HEART OF THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY, WE FIND THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO, MIGHTY, VECTOR AND JULIE-SU--ANXIOUSLY STANDING WATCH, AS THE GUARDIAN LOCKE PREPARES FOR MORTAL COMBAT AGAINST THE CATQUEEN'S CHOSEN CHAMPION--

--THE FEROCIOUS RAZORKLAW!

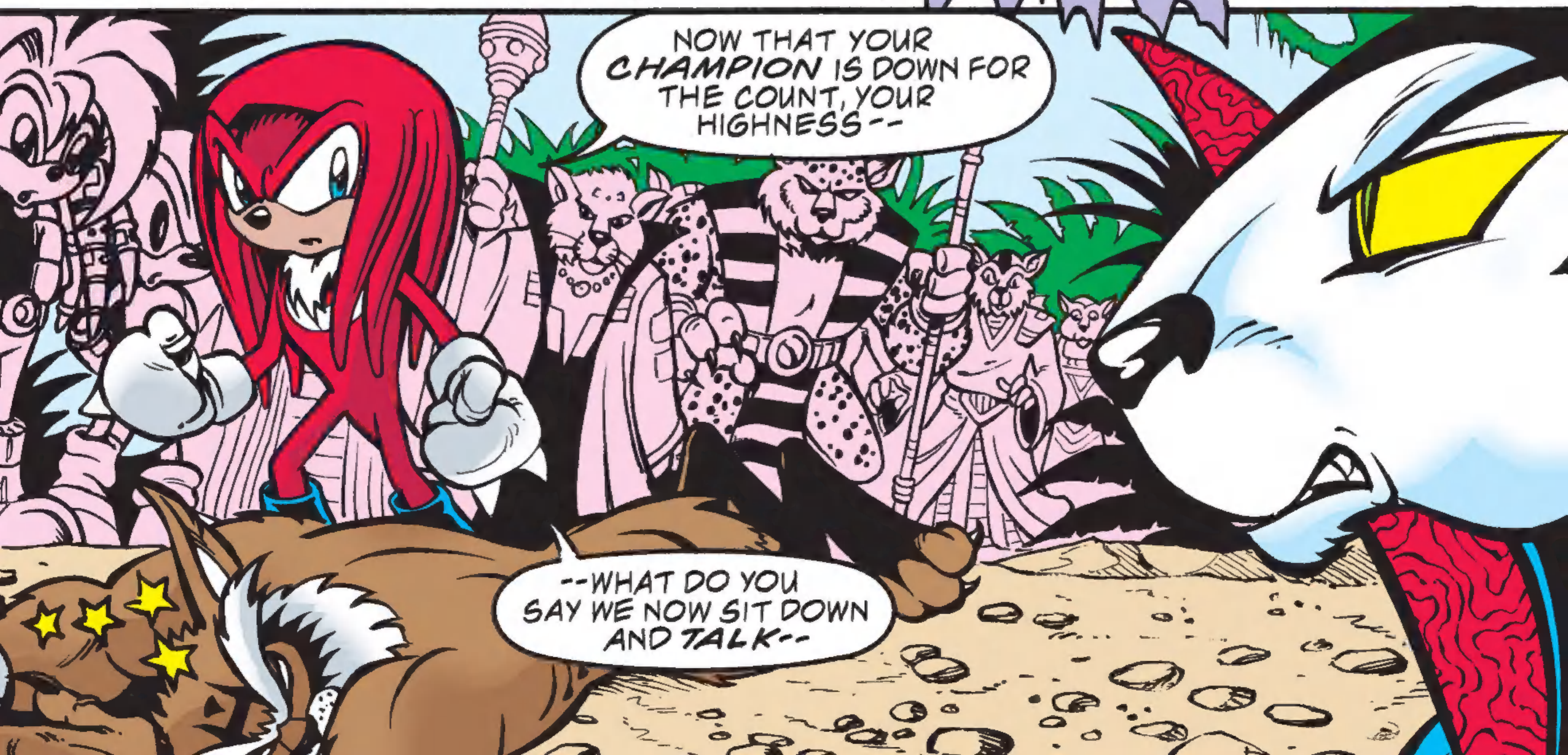
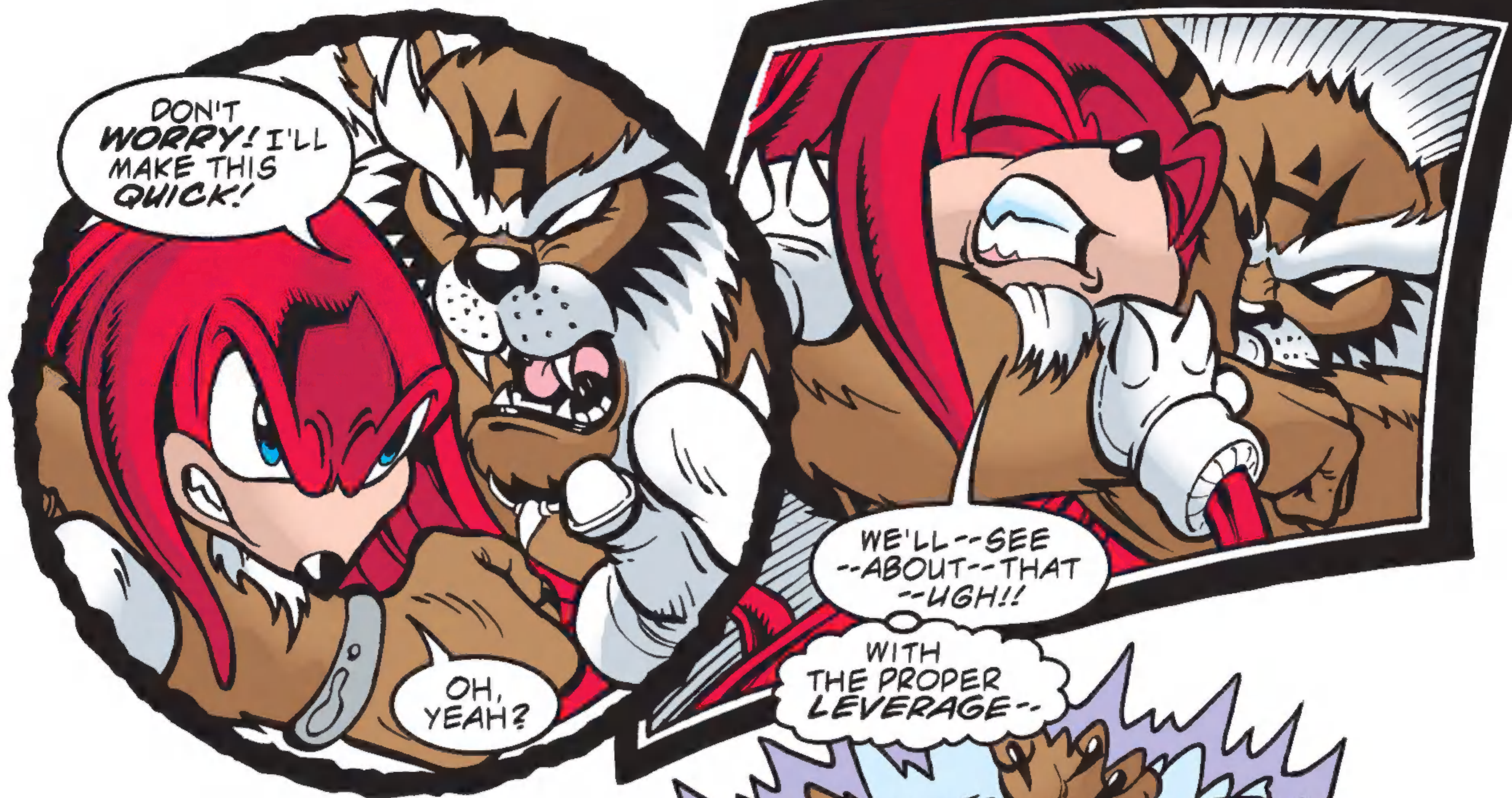
YOU COULD STOP THIS, MA'AM, BEFORE MATTERS ESCALATE OUT OF CONTROL!

WE CAN SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES IN A RATIONAL MANNER!

I'M SORRY, LOCKE OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN, BUT I BEG TO DIFFER!

WE SIMPLY DON'T TRUST YOUR KIND!

AND NOW--
--LET THE COMBAT BEGIN!



"BEFORE I
REALLY GET
MAD!"

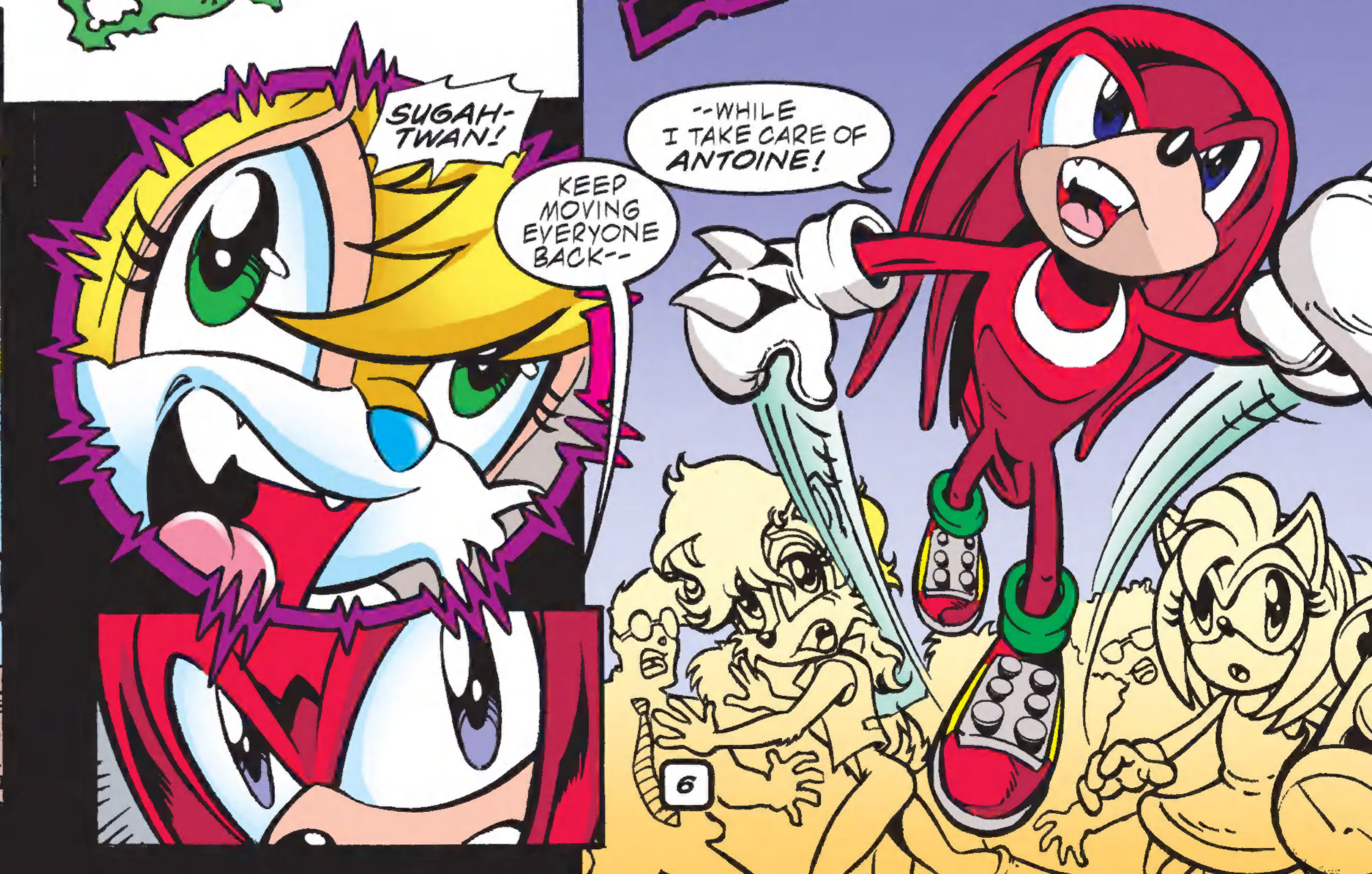
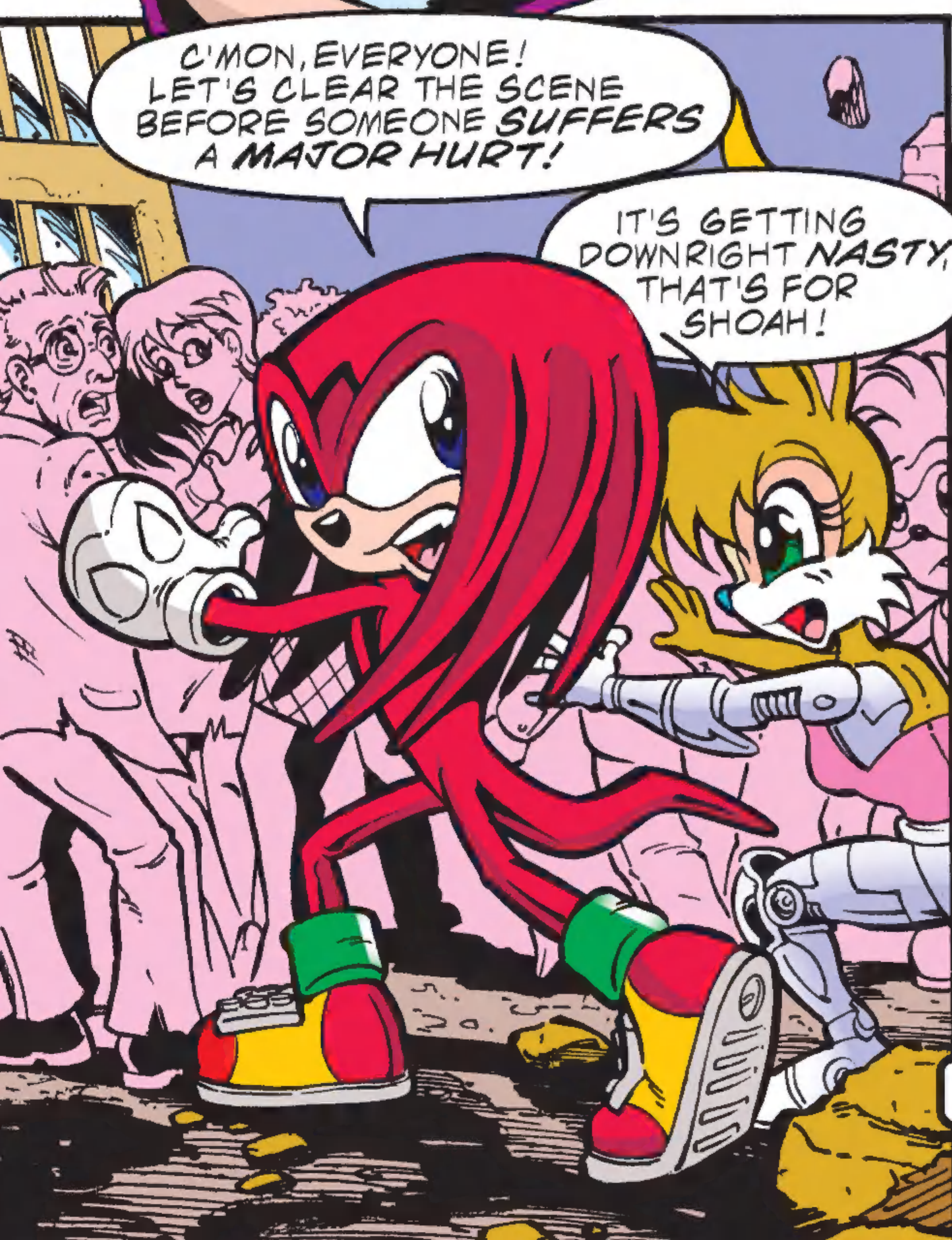
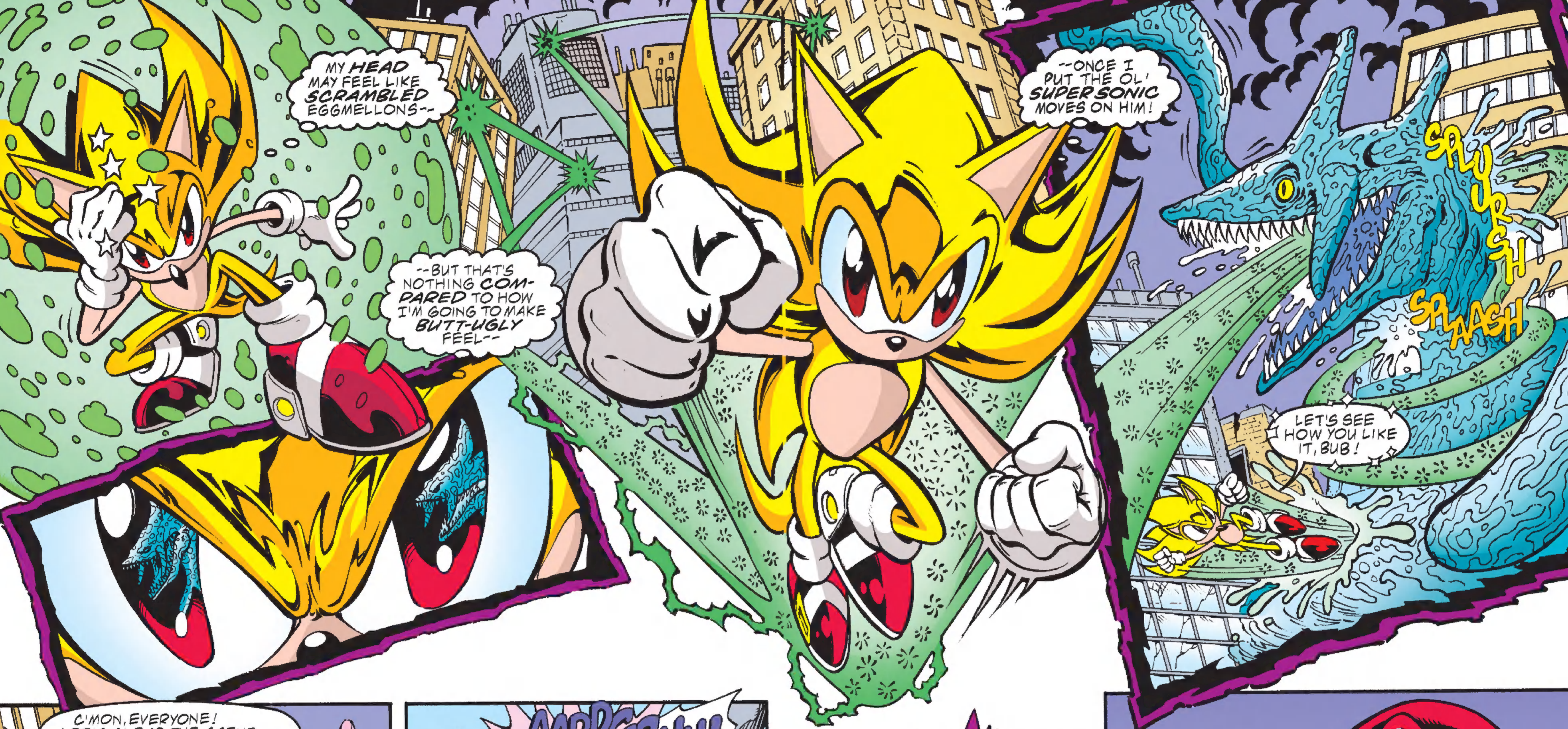
SPEAKING OF GETTING MAD,
WITHIN THE HIDDEN CITY OF
THE ANCIENTS WE FIND SOME
FAMILIAR FIGURES WATCHING
AS AN ENRAGED CHAOS
STRIKES BACK AT THE CAUSE
OF HIS ANGER--

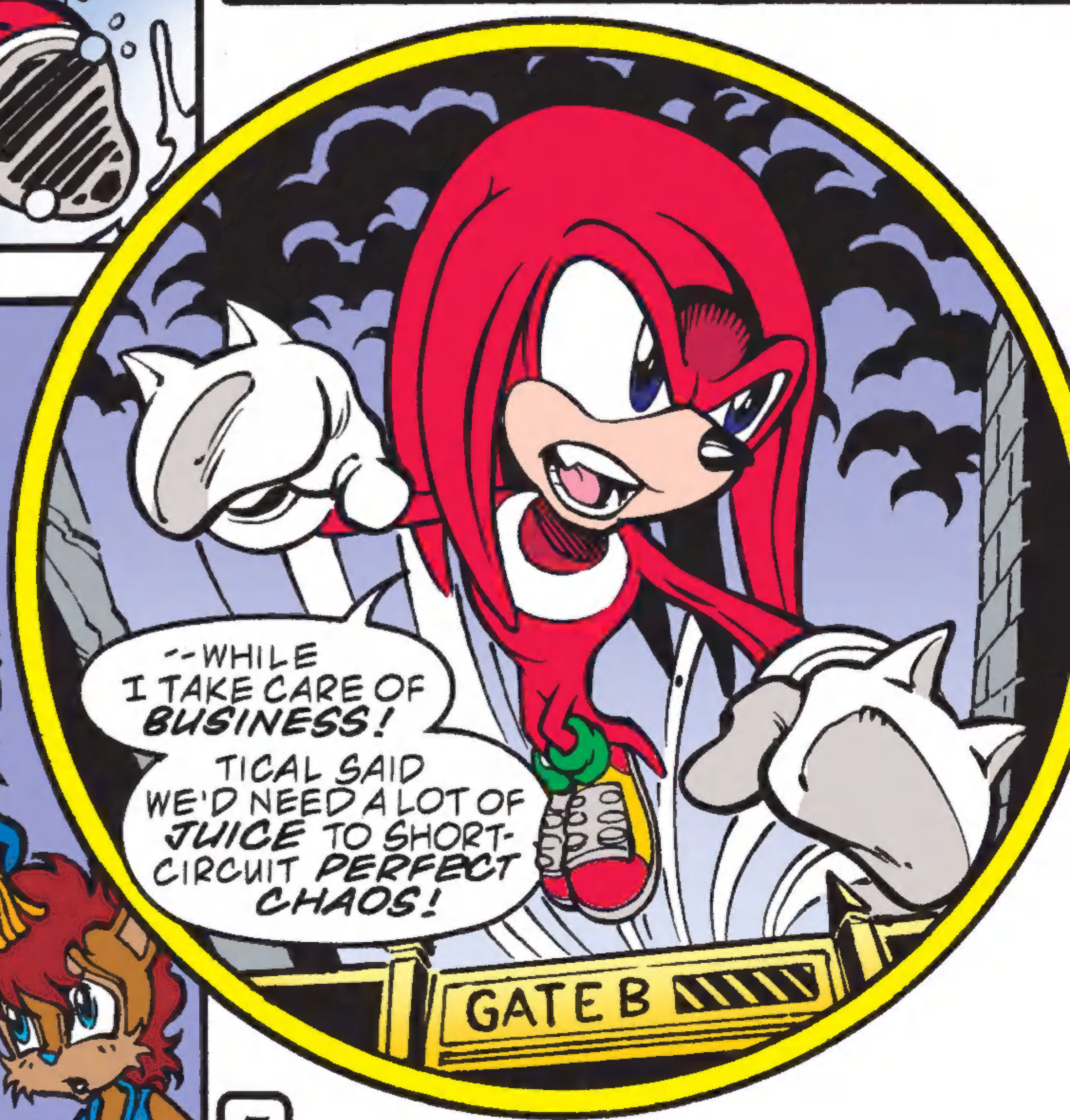
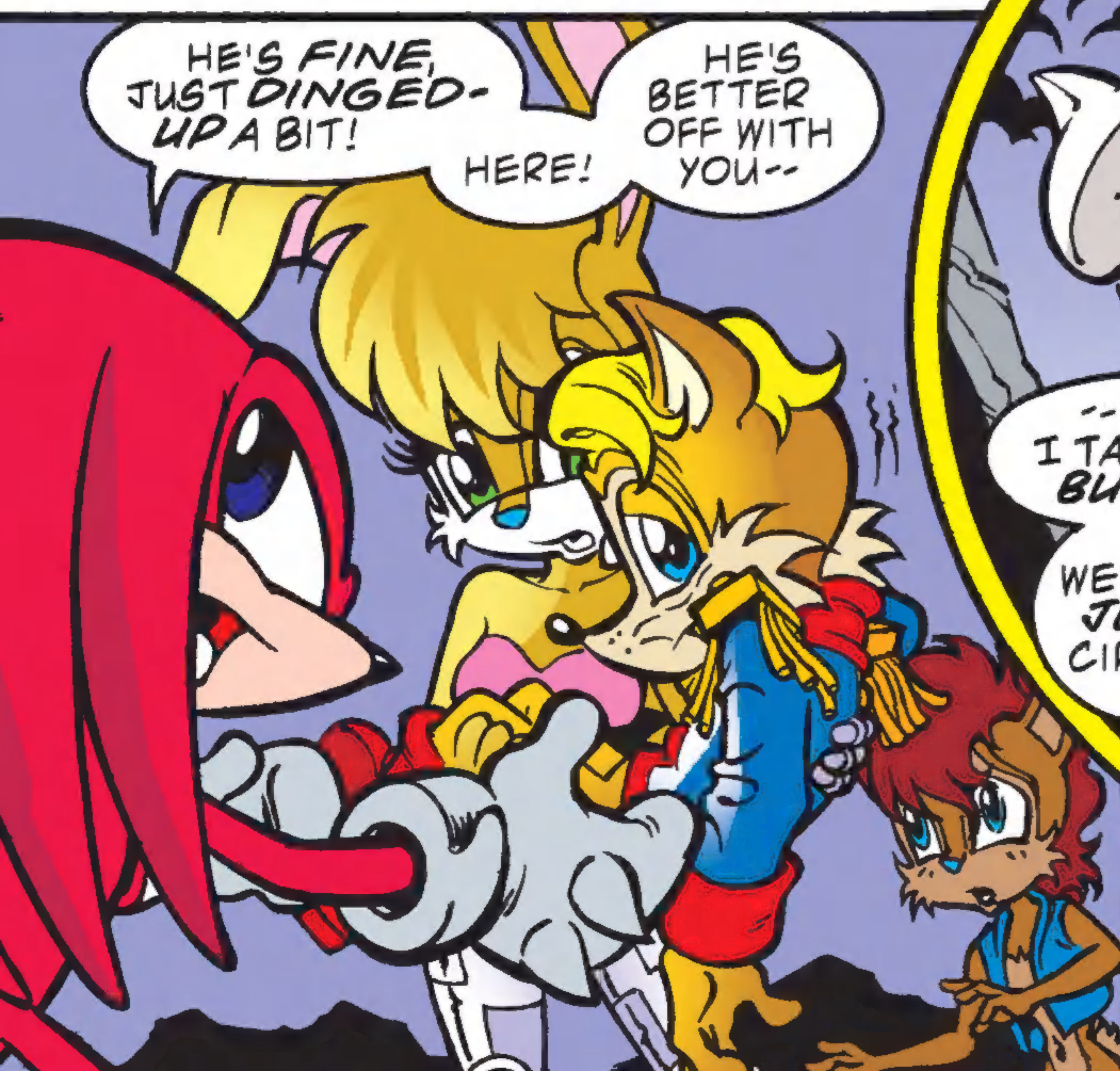
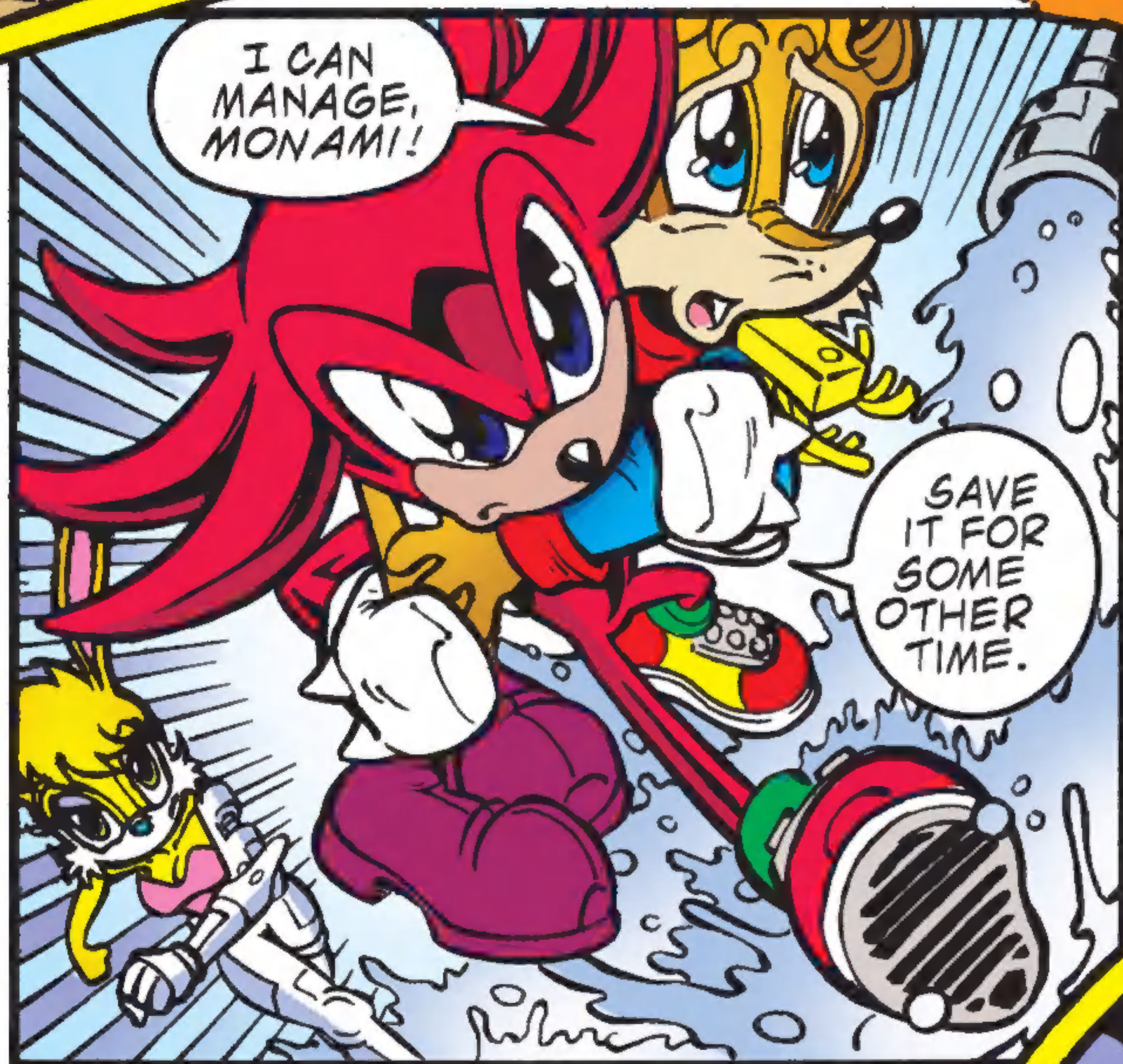
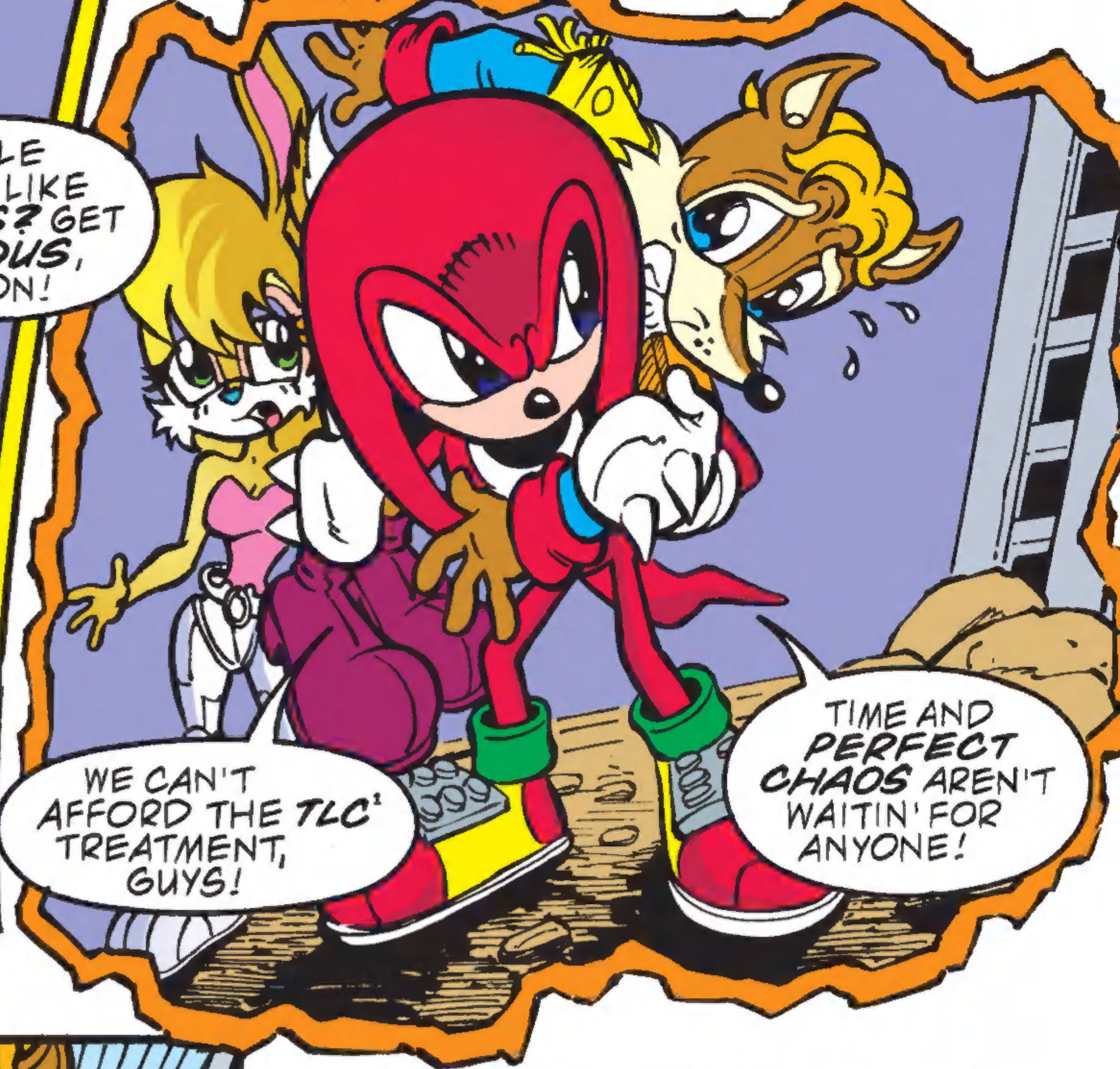
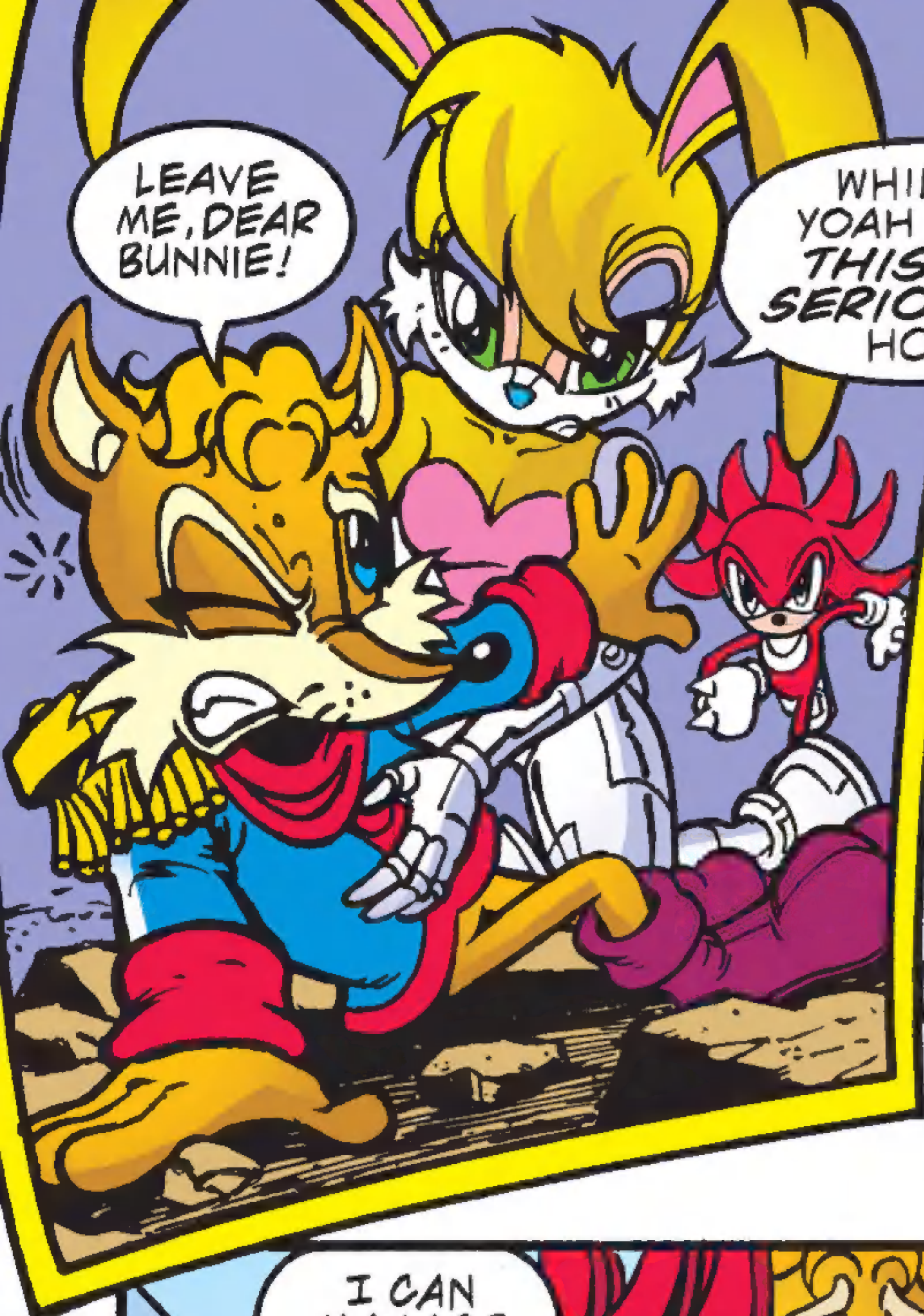
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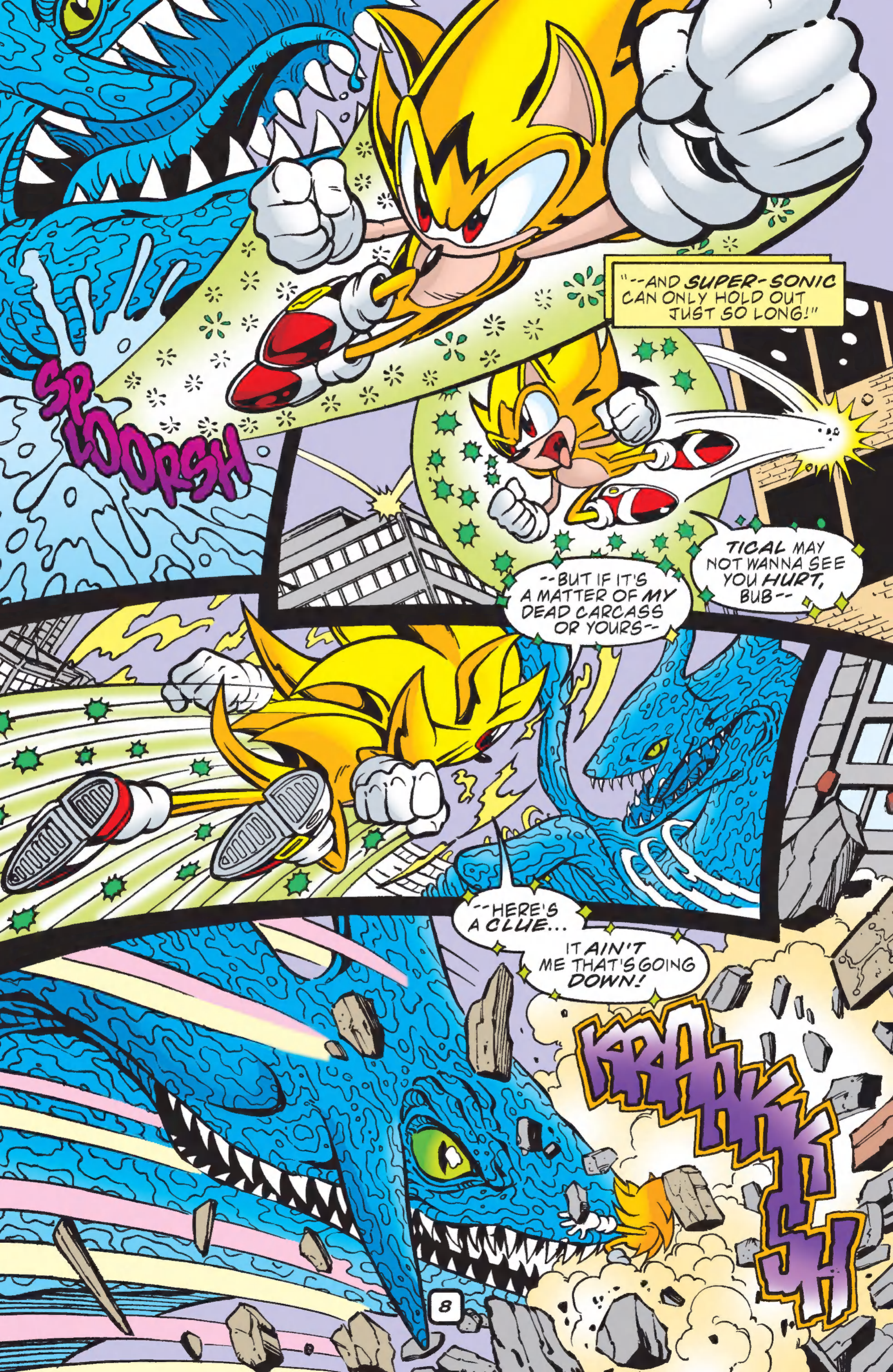
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KRAKKAH

PERFECT
CHAOS







"--AND *SUPER-SONIC* CAN ONLY HOLD OUT JUST SO LONG!"

SPLOOSH

--BUT IF IT'S A MATTER OF MY DEAD CARCASS OR YOURS--

TICAL MAY NOT WANNA SEE YOU HURT, BUB--

--HERE'S A CLUE...

IT AIN'T ME THAT'S GOING DOWN!

KRAK-KRAK-KRAK

"HOW ABOUT
WE TRY THAT
AGAIN?"

I DIDN'T
COME HERE TO
MAKE WAR, YOUR
HIGHNESS!

I CAME TO
SOLVE A PROB-
LEM AND ENSURE
THE SAFETY OF MY
SON'S FRIENDS!

PAST EXPERIENCE
MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER
THERE IS AN **ULTERIOR**
MOTIVE AT STAKE HERE,
LOCKE!

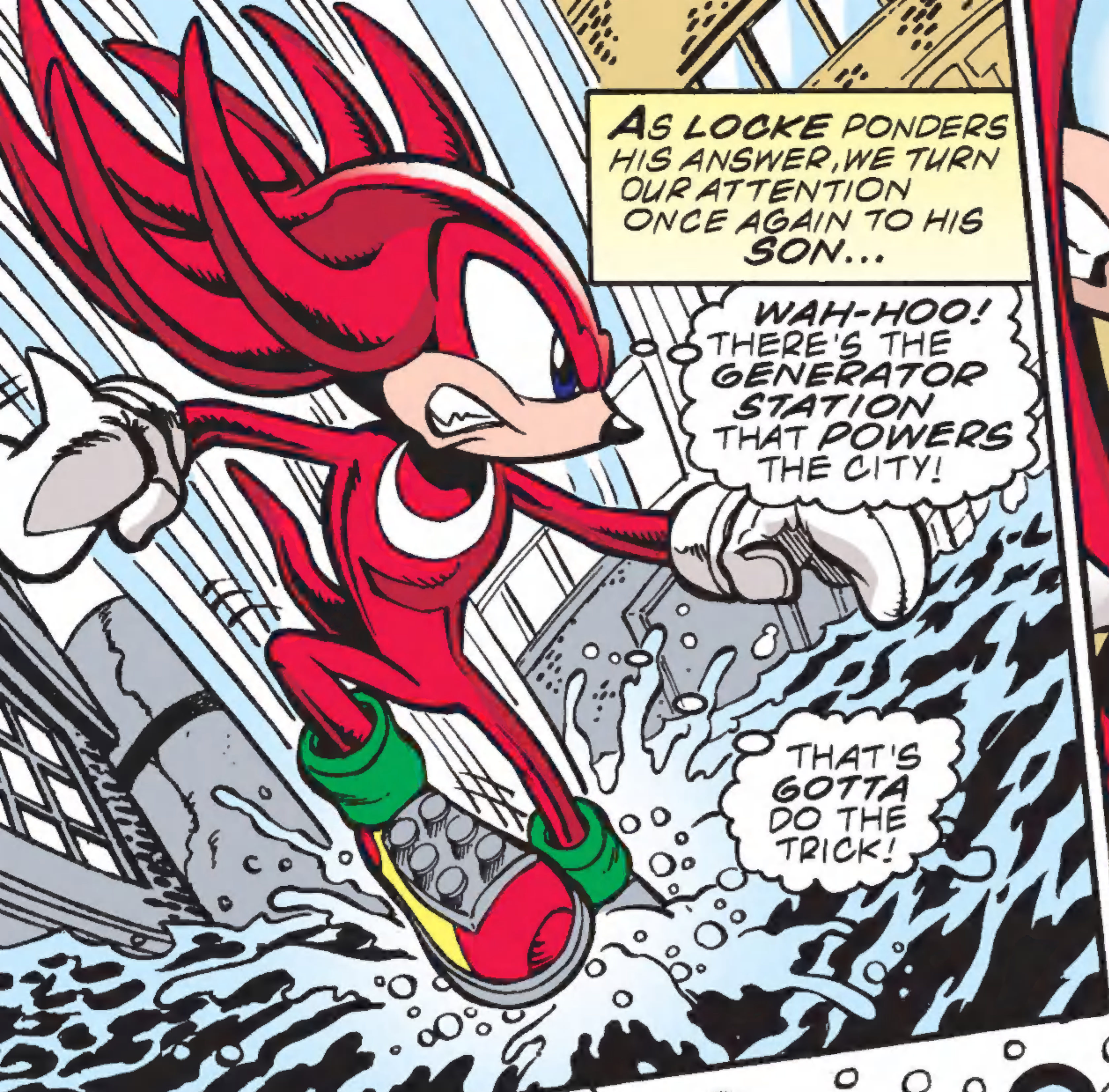
WE'RE A PEOPLE
WHO TEND TO **AVOID**
DEALING WITH
OUTSIDERS!
ESPECIALLY
YOUR KIND!

I KNOW FROM STUDYING
FAMILY HISTORY THAT NOT
ALL MY ANCESTORS LED
EXEMPLARY LIVES, YOUR
HIGHNESS--

--BUT MORE
OFTEN THAN NOT,
MY FAMILY **HAS**
CONTRIBUTED TO THE
COMMON GOOD
OF ALL!

AND WHAT
DOES YOUR FAMILY
HISTORY TELL YOU
ABOUT--

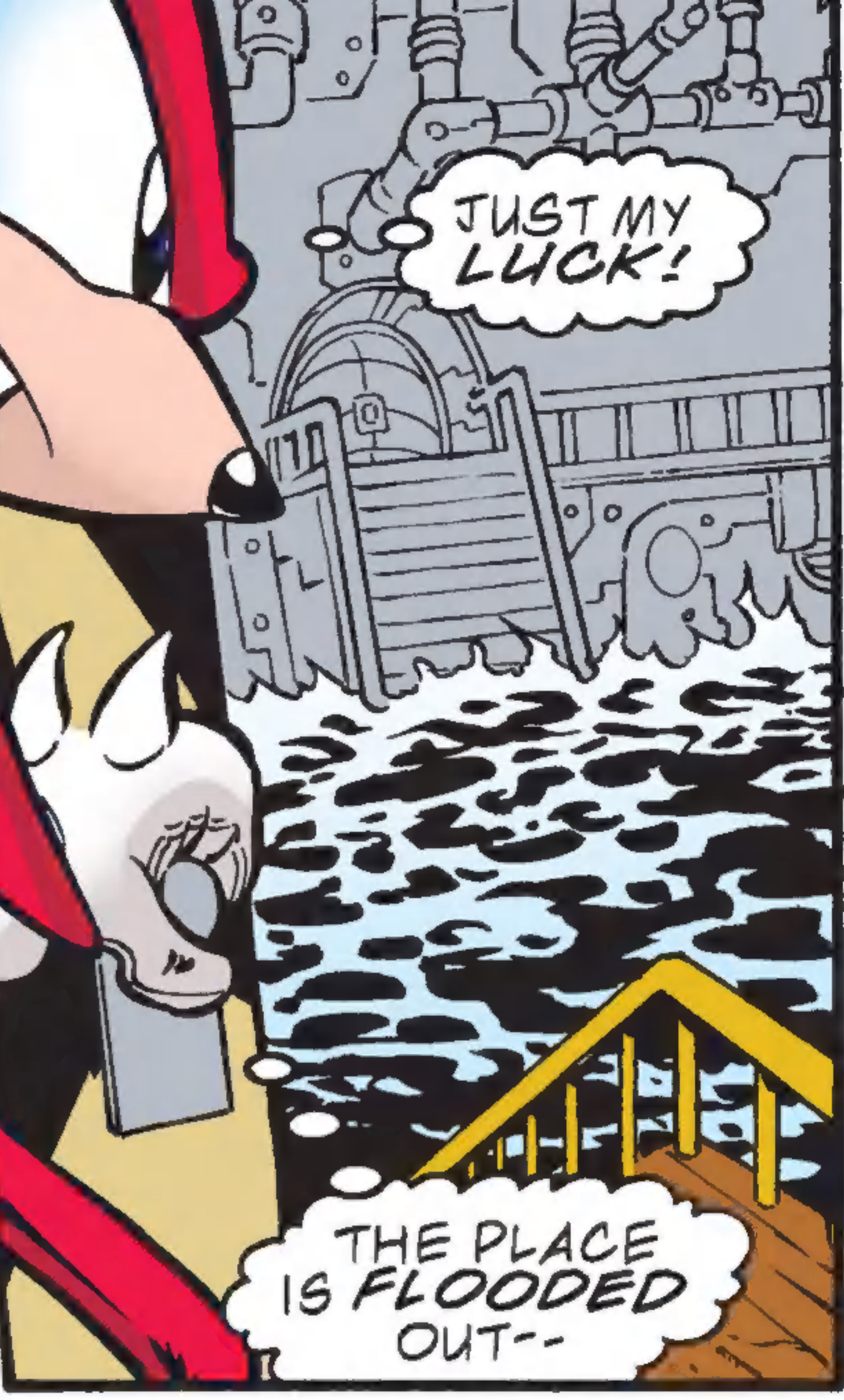
HIM?



AS LOCKE PONDERES HIS ANSWER, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO HIS SON...

WAH-HOO! THERE'S THE GENERATOR STATION THAT POWERS THE CITY!

THAT'S GOTTA DO THE TRICK!



JUST MY LUCK!

THE PLACE IS FLOODED OUT--



--AND ME AND WATER DON'T EXACTLY MIX!

I CAN'T-- I CAN'T--

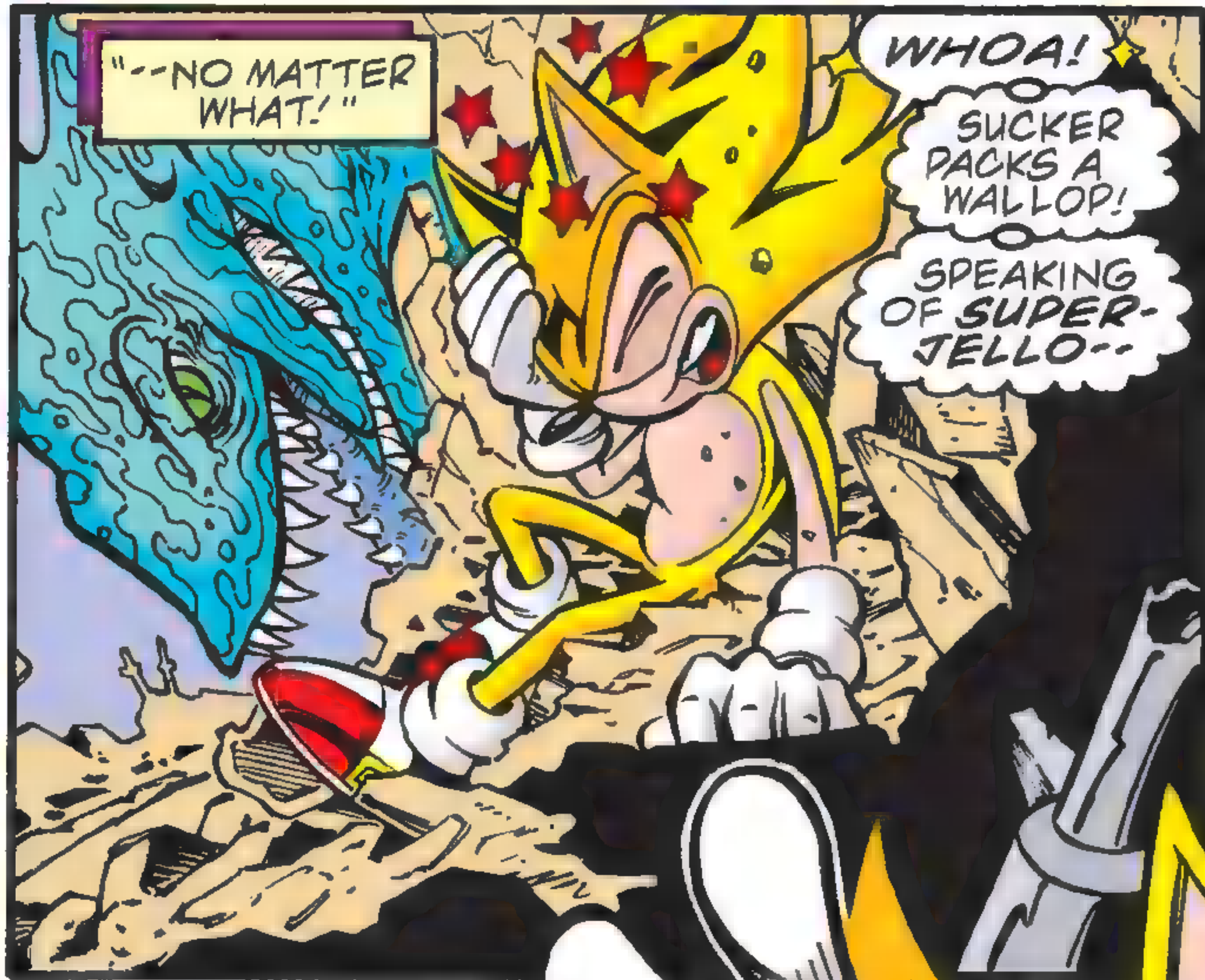
SPLASH

I JUST GOTTA!

GLUB GLUB GLUB

STEADY-- STEADY--

JUST FOLLOW THE PIPES--



"--NO MATTER WHAT!"

WHOA!

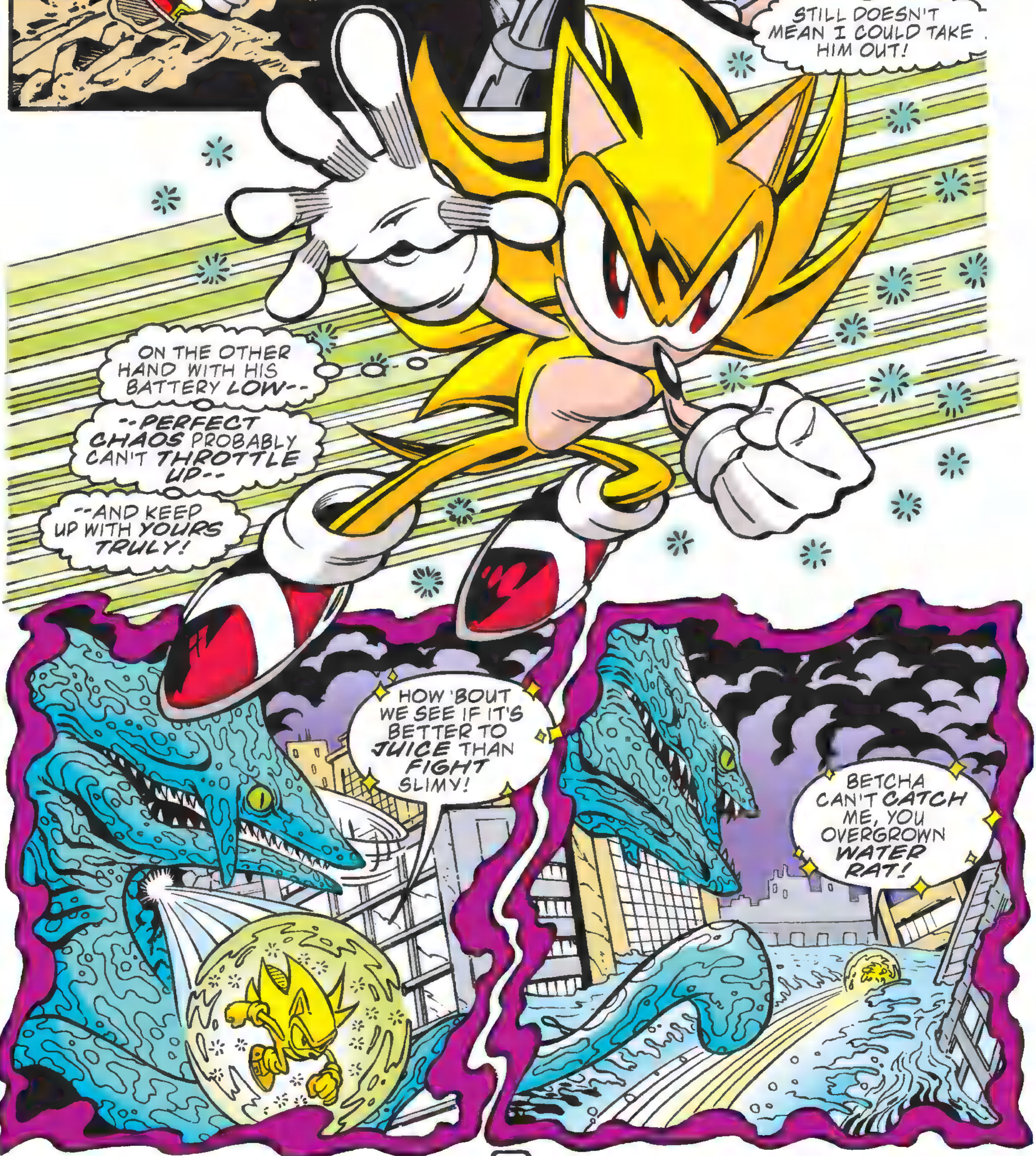
SUCKER
PACKS A
WALLOP!

SPEAKING
OF **SUPER-
JELLO--**



--HE LOOKS
AS **DAZED** AS I
FEEL!

STILL DOESN'T
MEAN I COULD TAKE
HIM OUT!



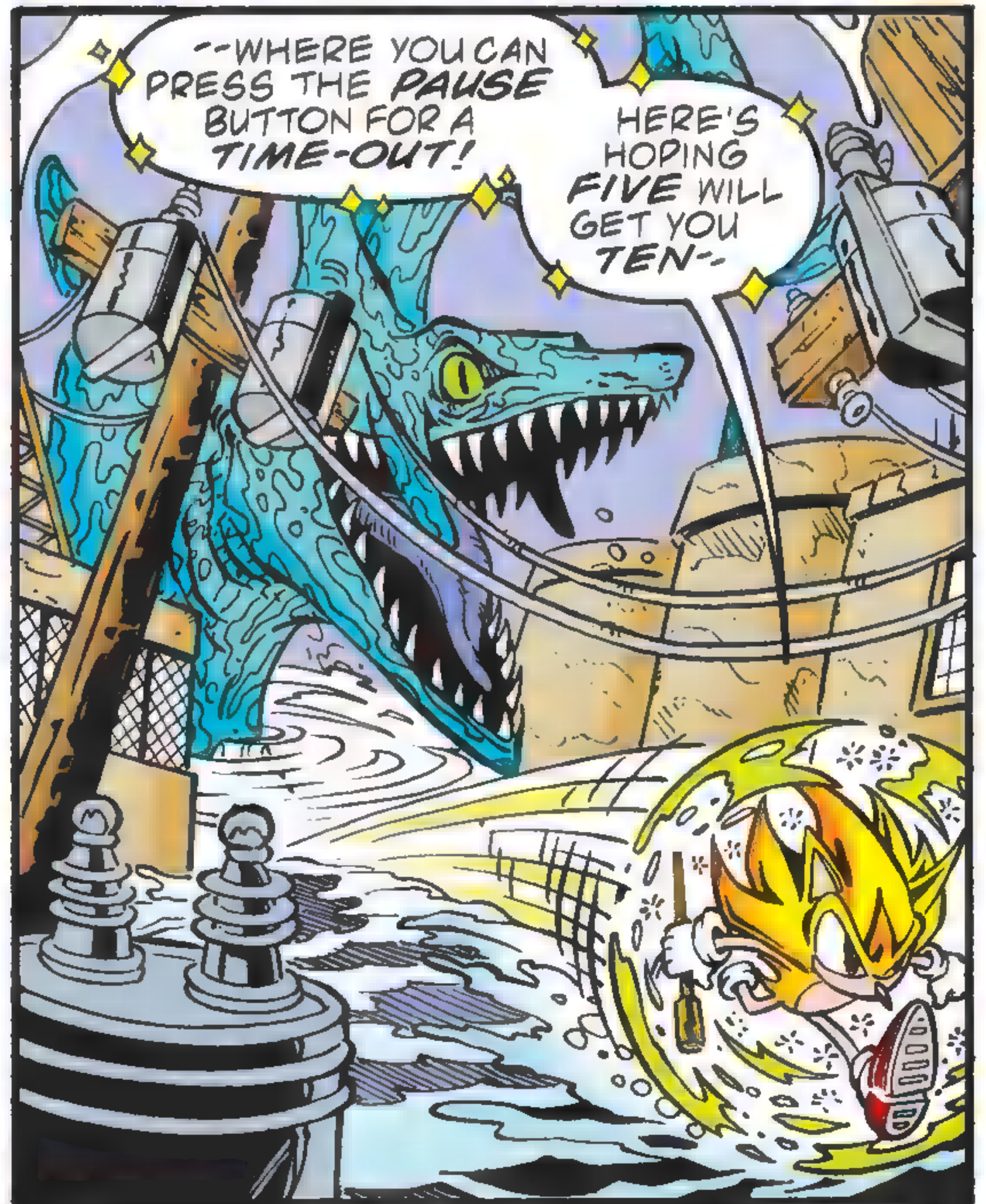
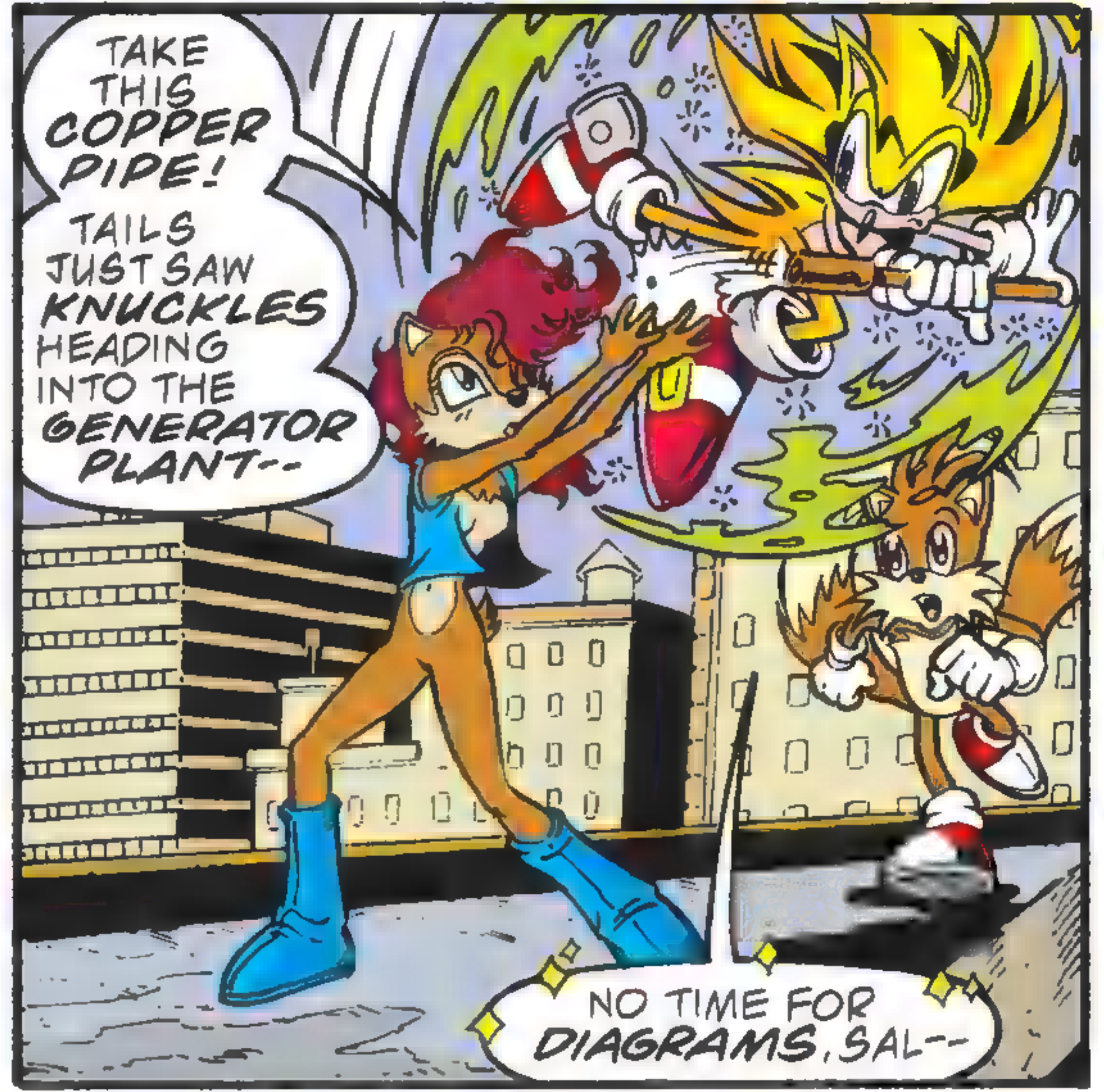
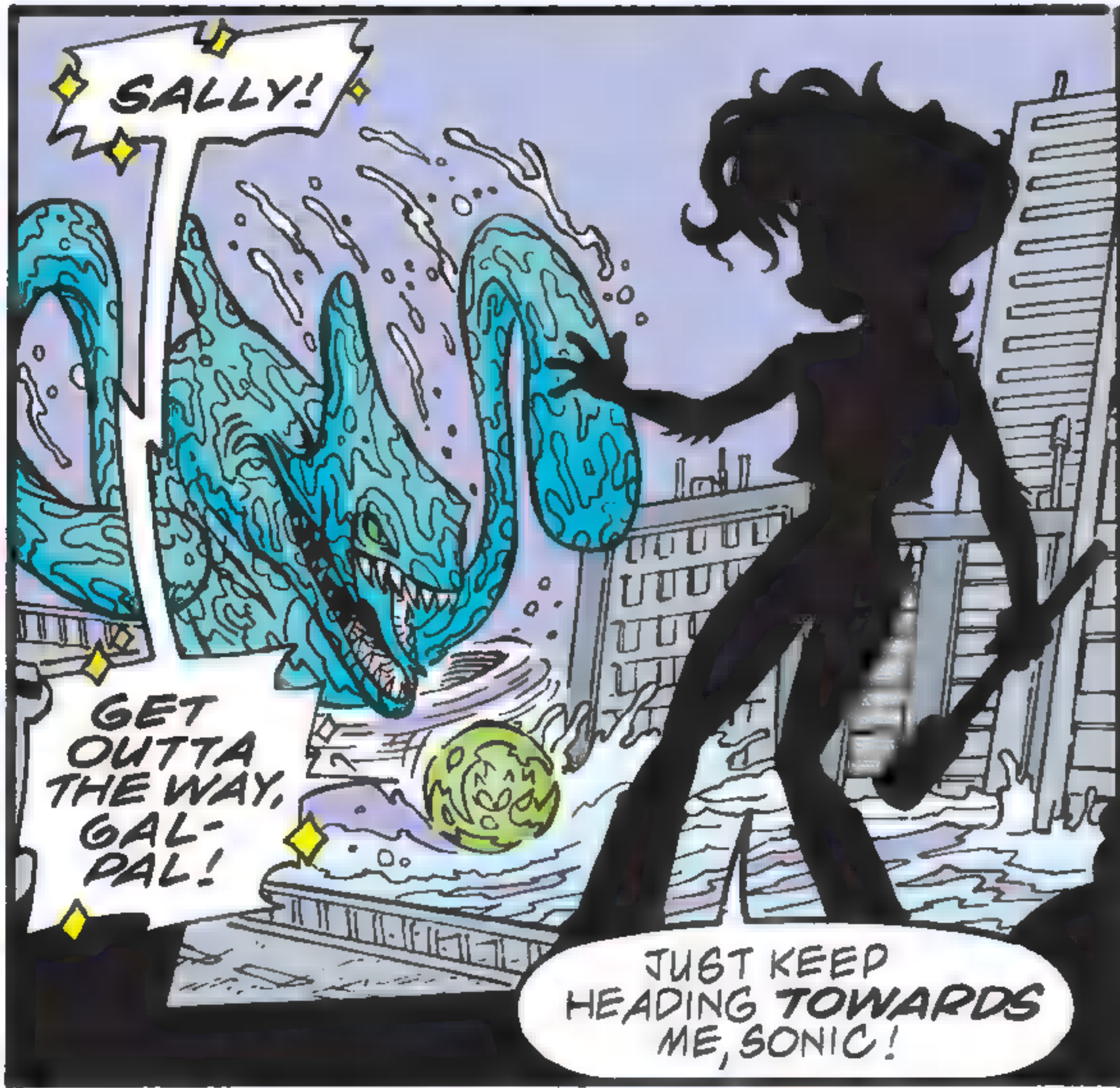
ON THE OTHER
HAND WITH HIS
BATTERY LOW--

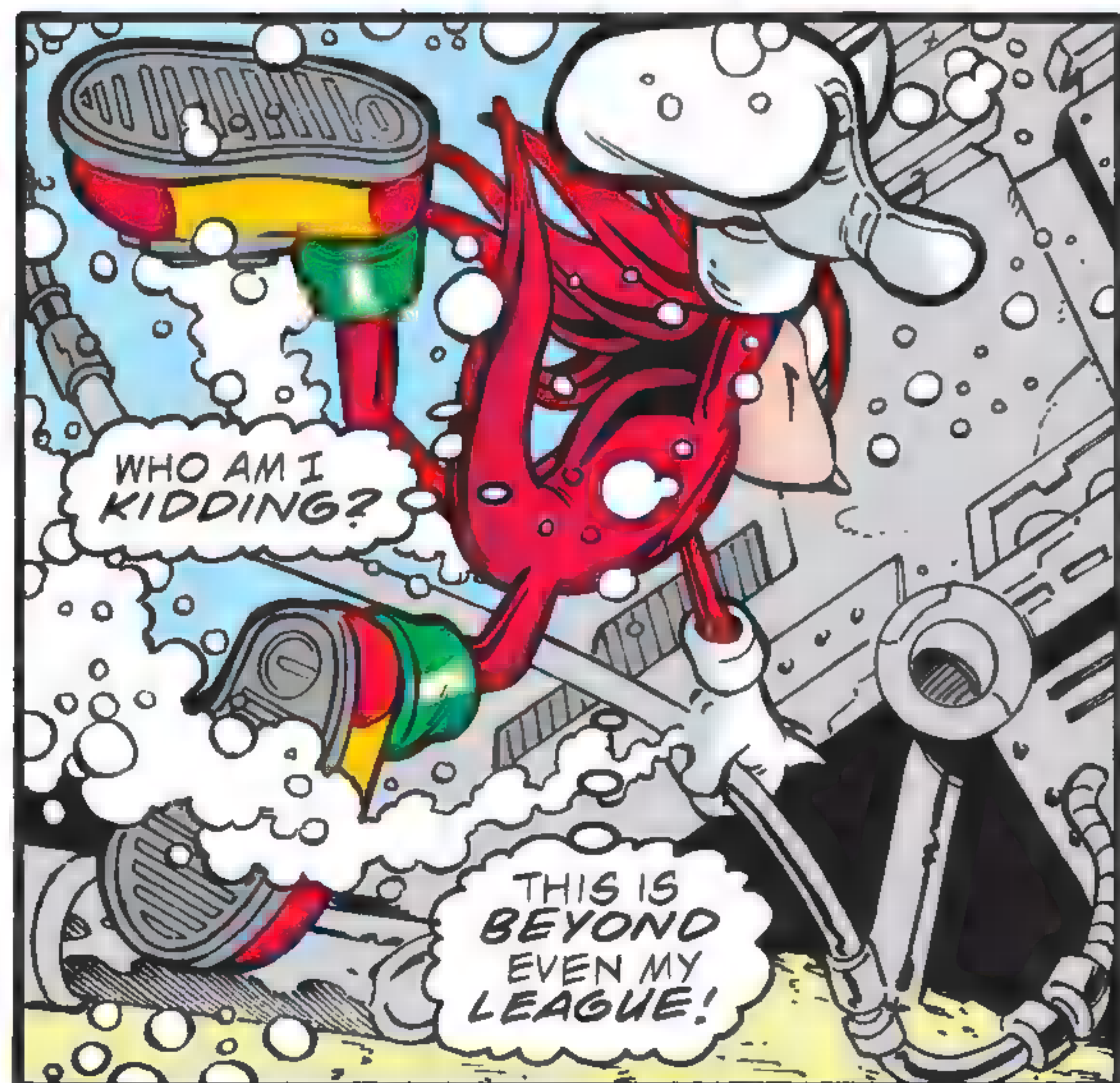
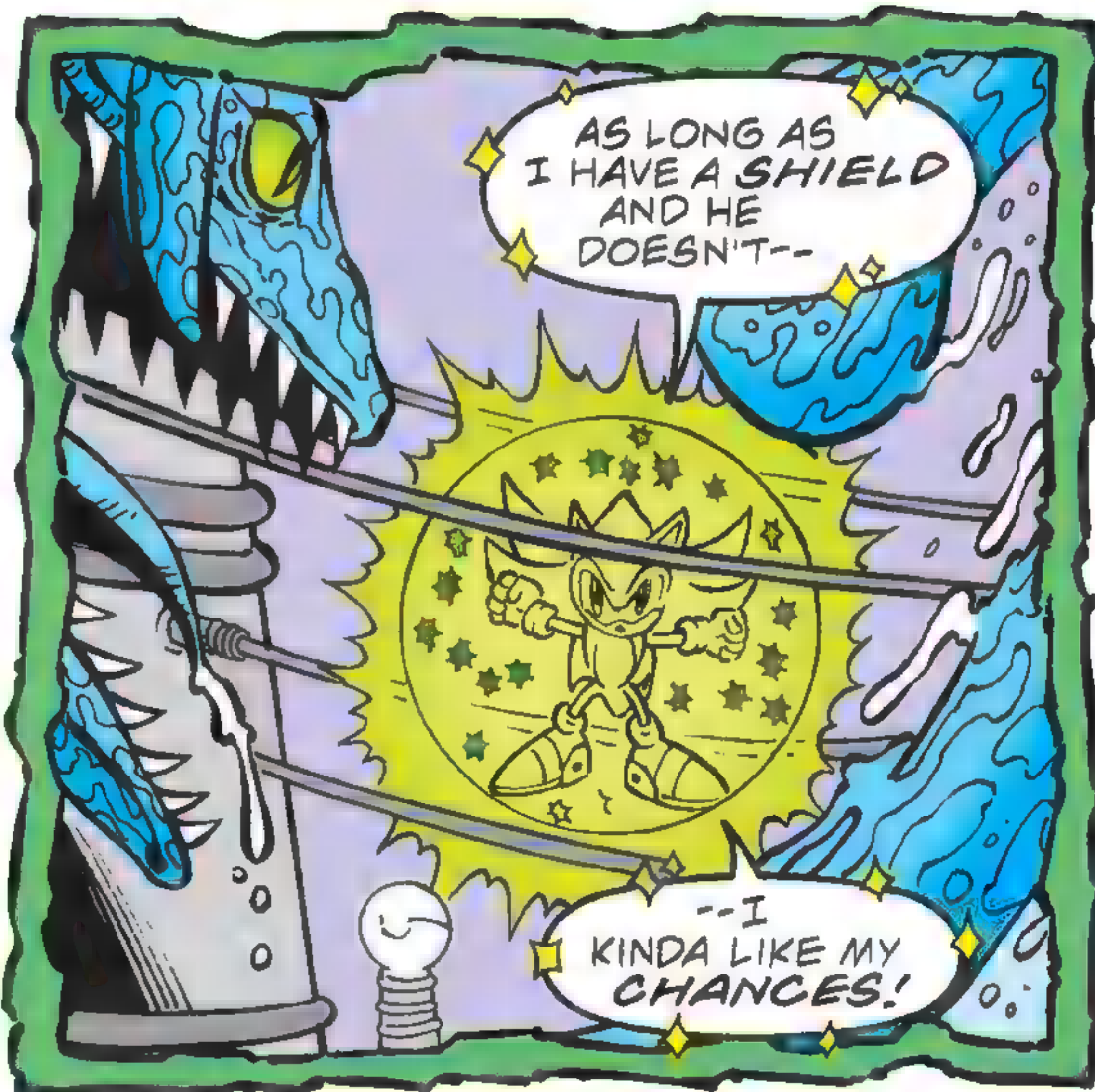
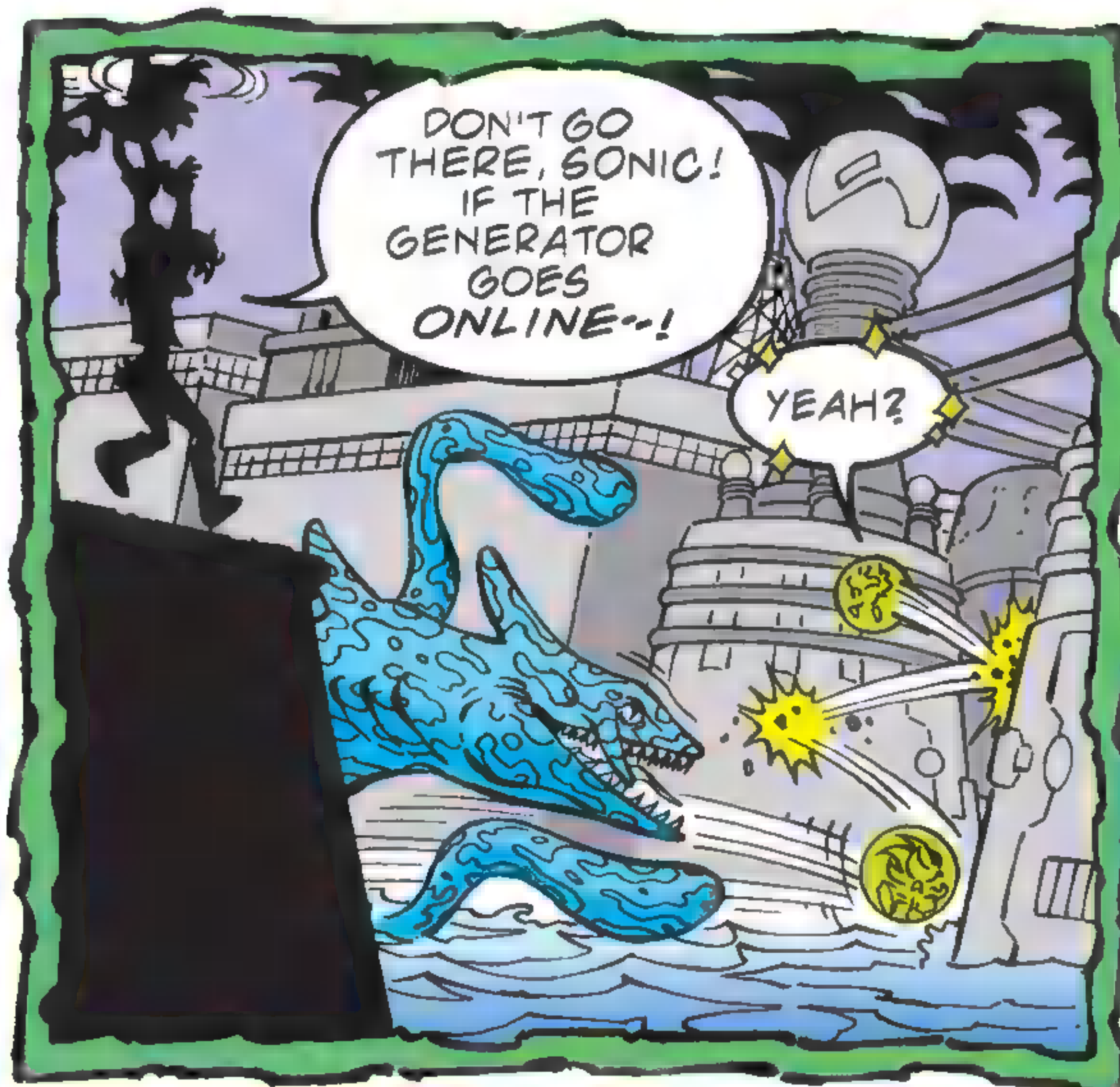
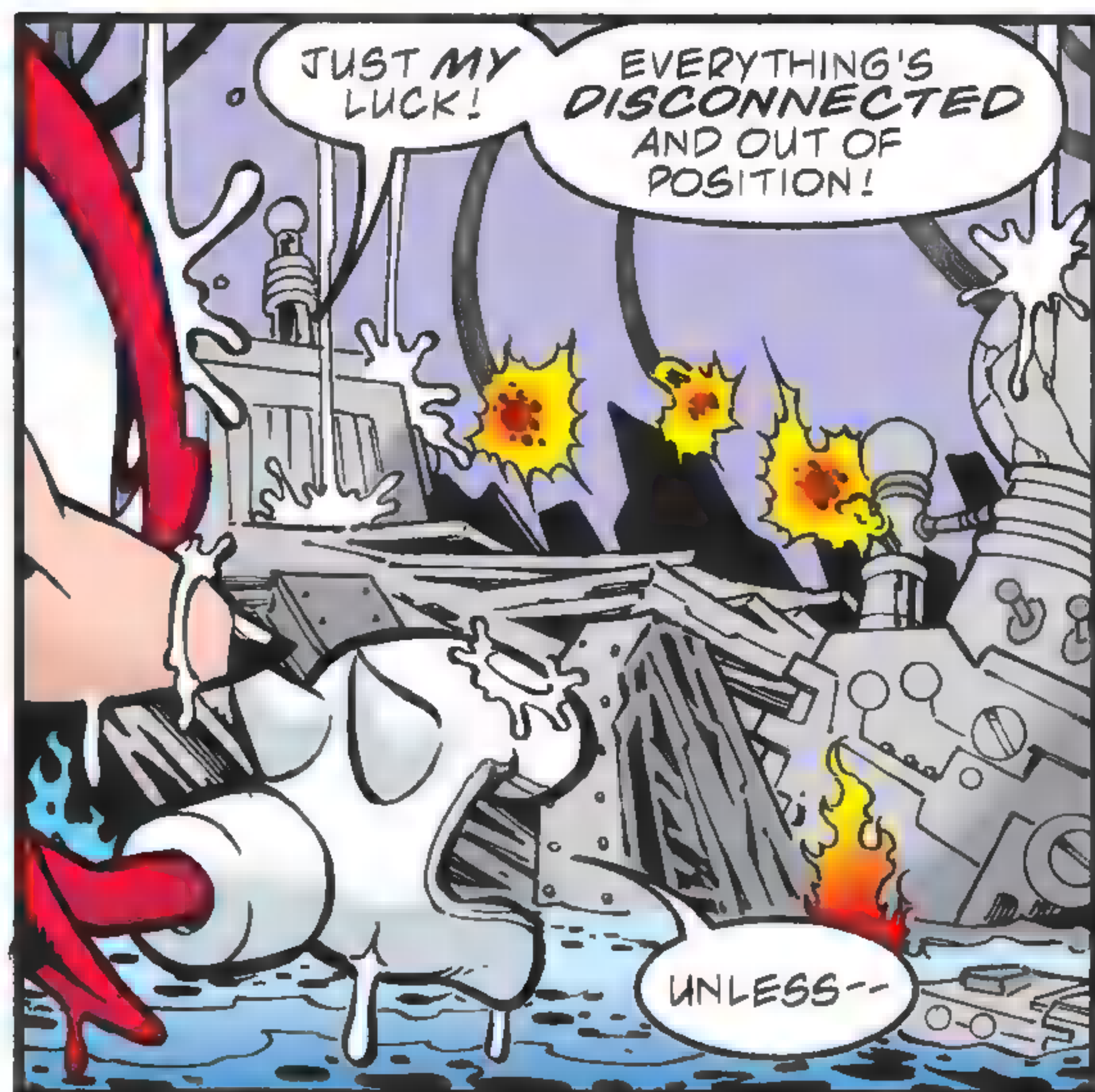
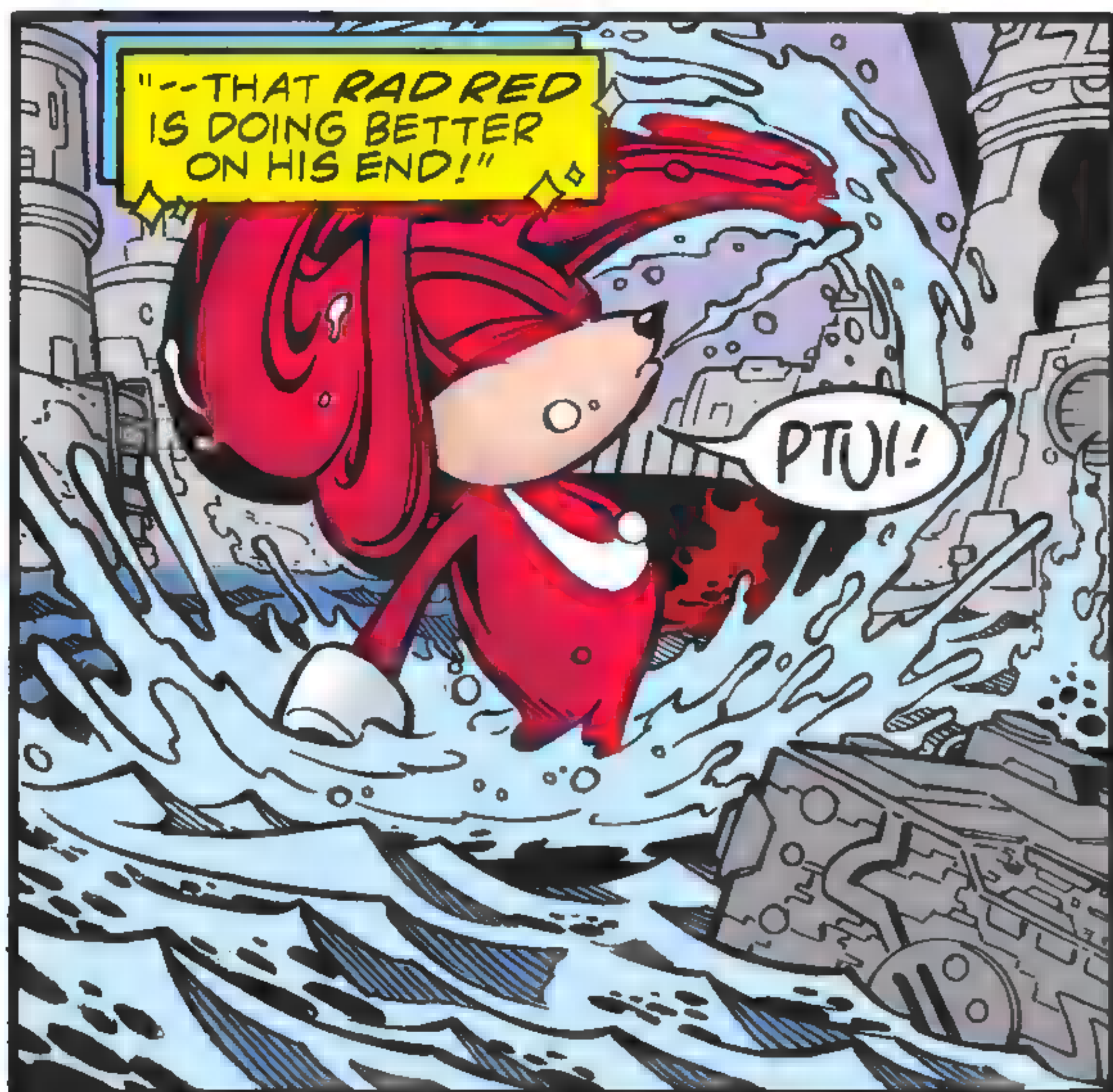
--**PERFECT
CHAOS** PROBABLY
CAN'T **THROTTLE
UP--**

--AND KEEP
UP WITH YOURS
TRULY!

HOW 'BOUT
WE SEE IF IT'S
BETTER TO
JUICE THAN
**FIGHT
SLIMY!**

**BETCHA
CAN'T CATCH
ME, YOU
OVERGROWN
WATER
RAT!**





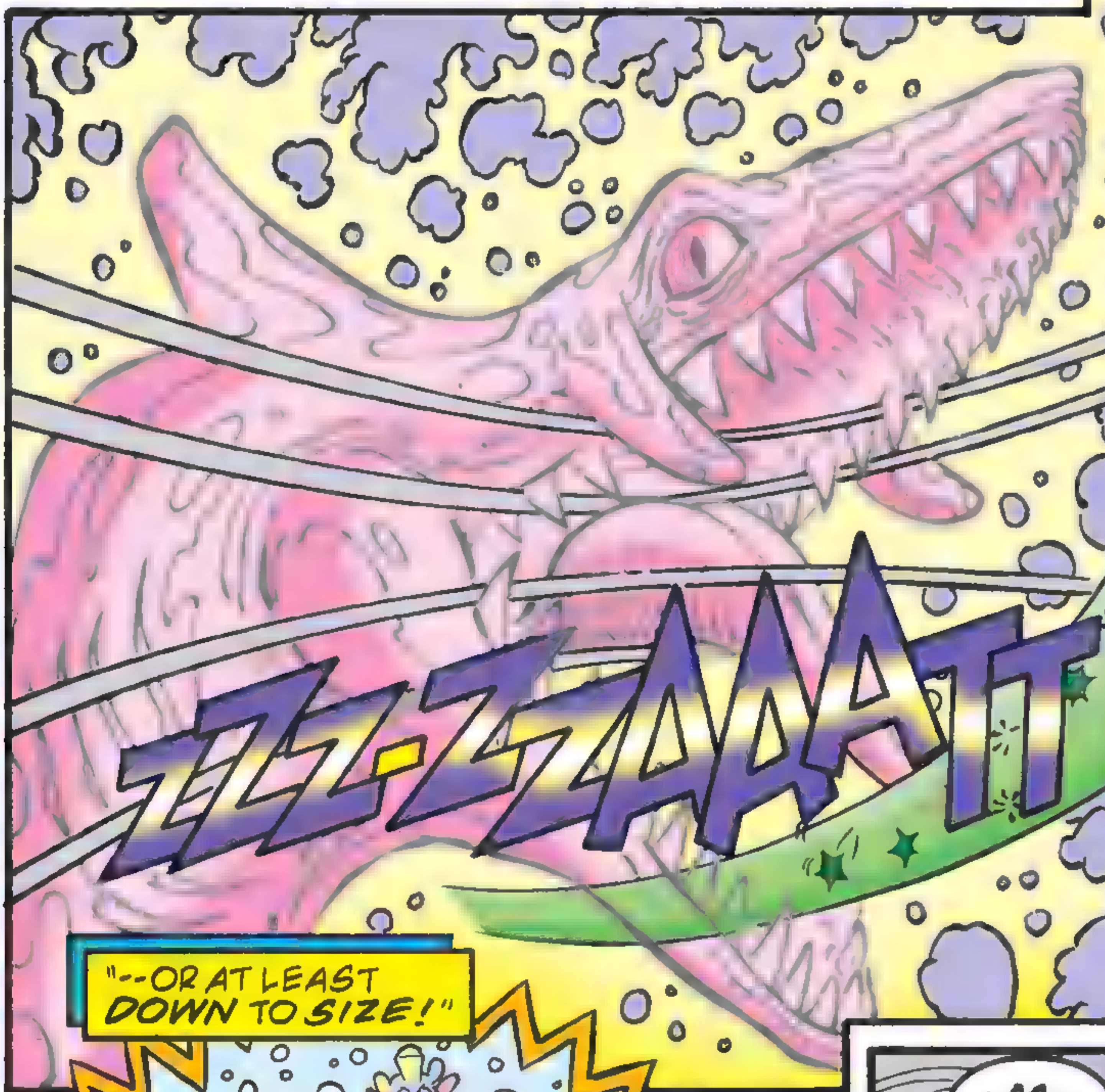
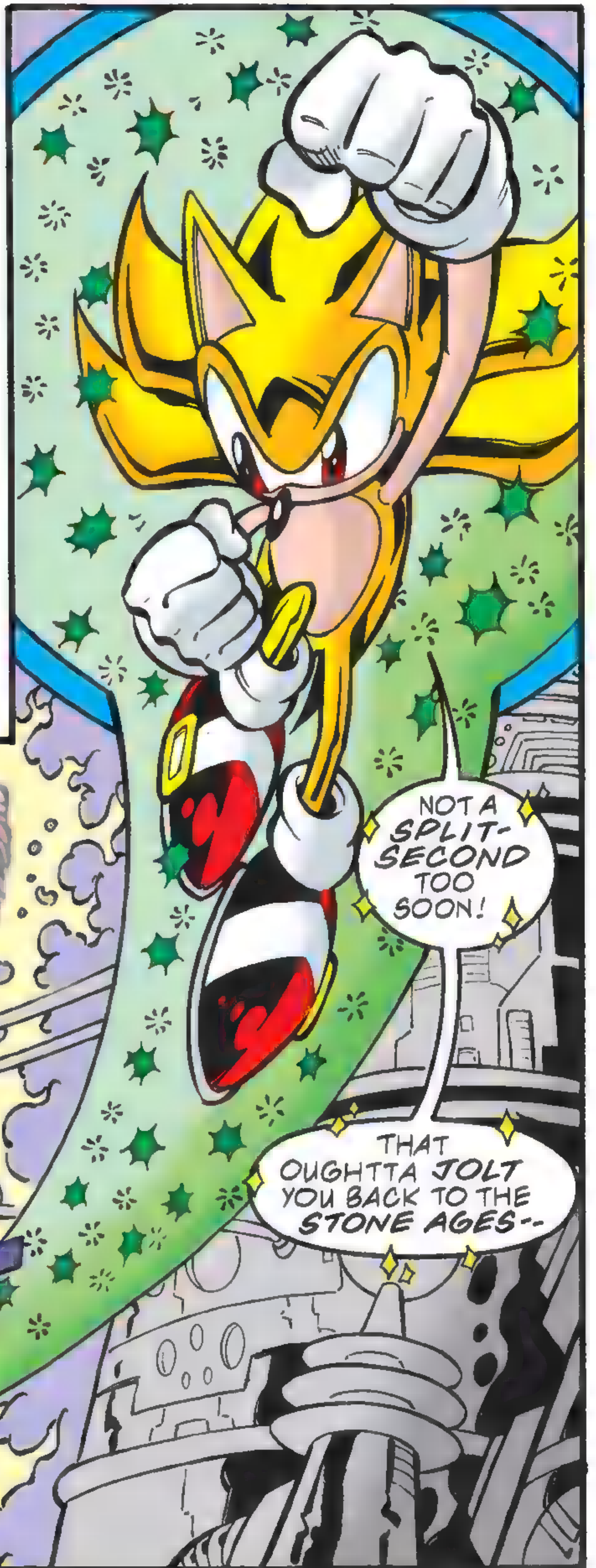
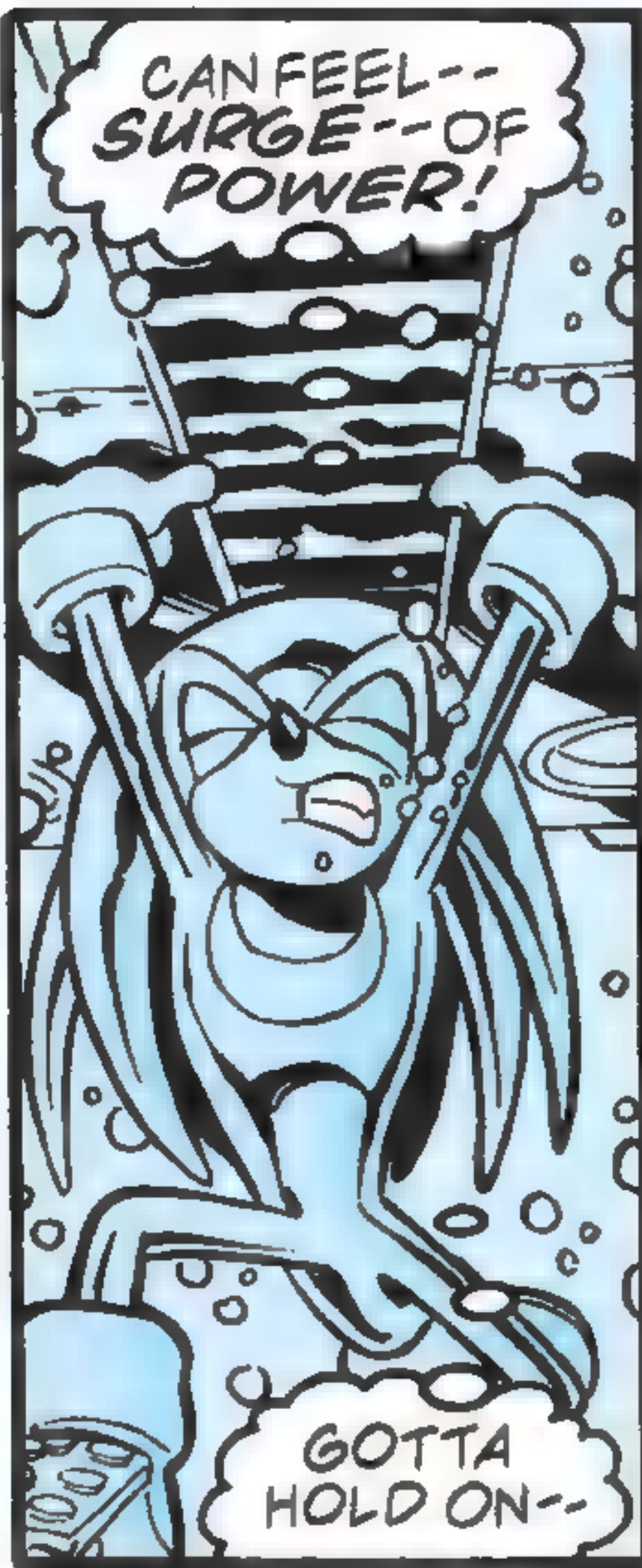
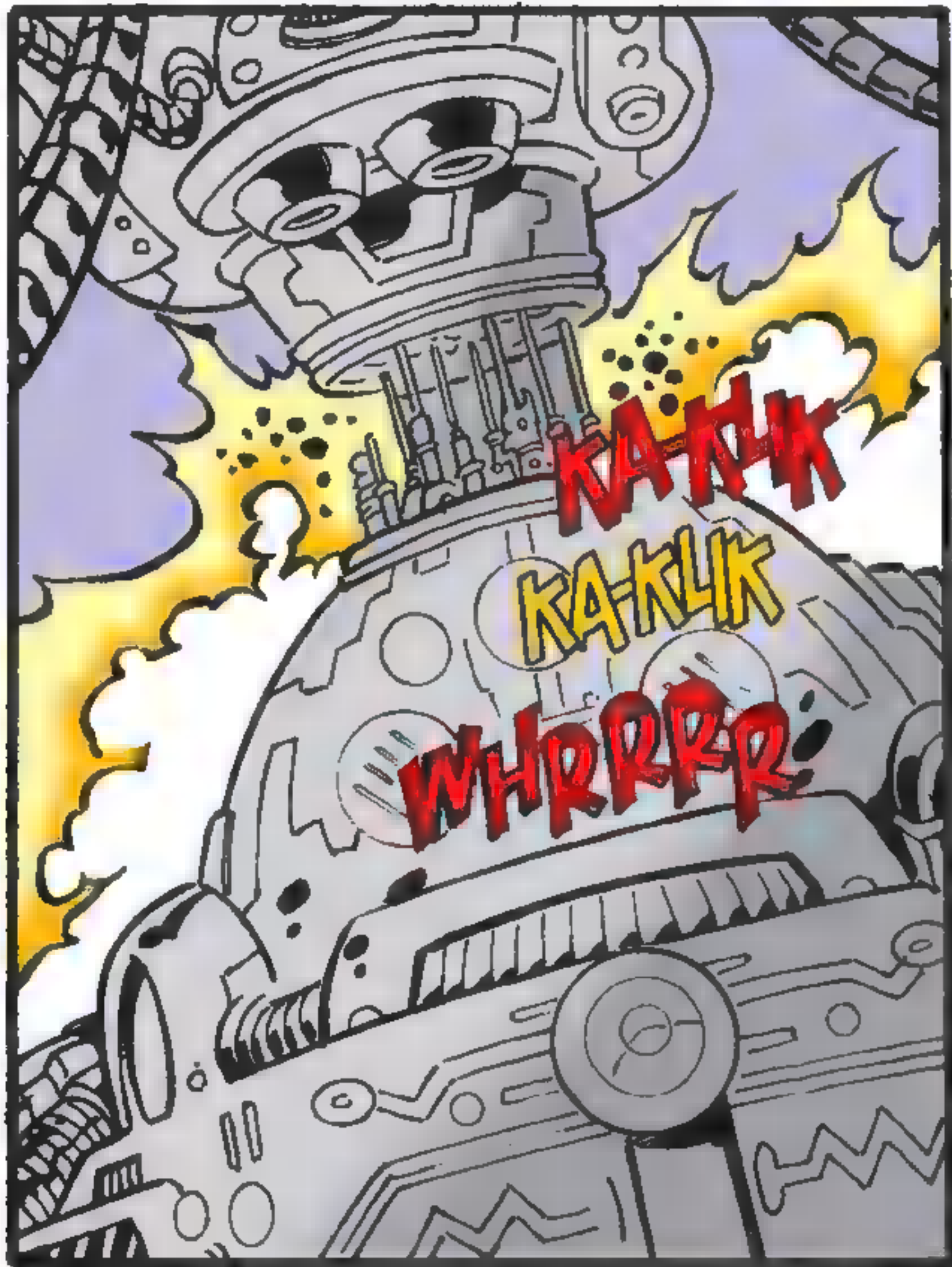
THERE'S--

--NOBODY--

--BUT--

--ME!

I
DID
IT!



GIMME
YOUR
MITT!

WHAT'S
THE SCORE?

THE
GOOD GUYS
WON!
WHAT
ELSE DID YOU
EXPECT?

THEN
WHAT'S WITH THE
LIGHT SHOW?

YOU'VE
DONE WELL--
ALL OF
YOU!

IT'S
TIME NOW WE
RETURNED
TO THE ZONE
WE BELONG
TO!

ZAAAAAAP

WHAT DO
YOU CARE
ANYHOW?

AFTER
ALL THAT--IT'S
OVER!
DOESN'T
SEEM RIGHT
SOMEHOW!

"THEY'RE NOW ONE LESS
HEADACHE TO WORRY ABOUT!"

AS FOR ME, I'VE
GOTTA GET THESE
CHAOS SHARDS
BACK AND FIGURE OUT
HOW TO **RESTORE**
THE FLOATING
ISLAND WITH 'EM!

NEED ANY
HELP?

NAH! I'LL
PROBABLY HAVE
ALL I **NEED**
BACK AT THE
RANCH!

THEN TAKE CARE,
KNUCKLES!

LATER,
BIG GUY!

THINK OUR **SONIC ADVENTURE**
IS **GAME OVER?**! THEN TURN THE
PAGE WHILE WE TIE UP A FEW LOOSE
ENDS WITH EVERYONE'S FAVORITE
RAD RED!

AS FOR EVERYONE'S FAVORITE
BLUE BLUR, BE HERE NEXT ISSUE!

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

WITH THE *CHAOS EMERALD SHARDS* ONCE AGAIN IN HIS POSSESSION, *KNUCKLES* RETURNS TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND*, CURRENTLY IN THE *PREDICAMENT* OF TAKING ON WATER SINCE IT WAS RENDERED *INERT* WHEN THE *CHAOS EMERALD* WAS STOLEN.

AS HE ARRIVES VIA AN ENERGY ZONE PORTAL, A FLASH OF LIGHT IMMEDIATELY ATTRACTS HIS ATTENTION...

WITHOUT THE *GUIDING STAR GEM*, I'D BE ONE *LOST* ECHIDNA!

BUT IT WON'T BE *HOME SWEET HOME* IF I CAN'T GET THE *FLOATING ISLAND* *SOARING* AMONG THE CLOUDS AGAIN!

WHOA!
WHAT'S WITH THE
LIGHT SHOW?

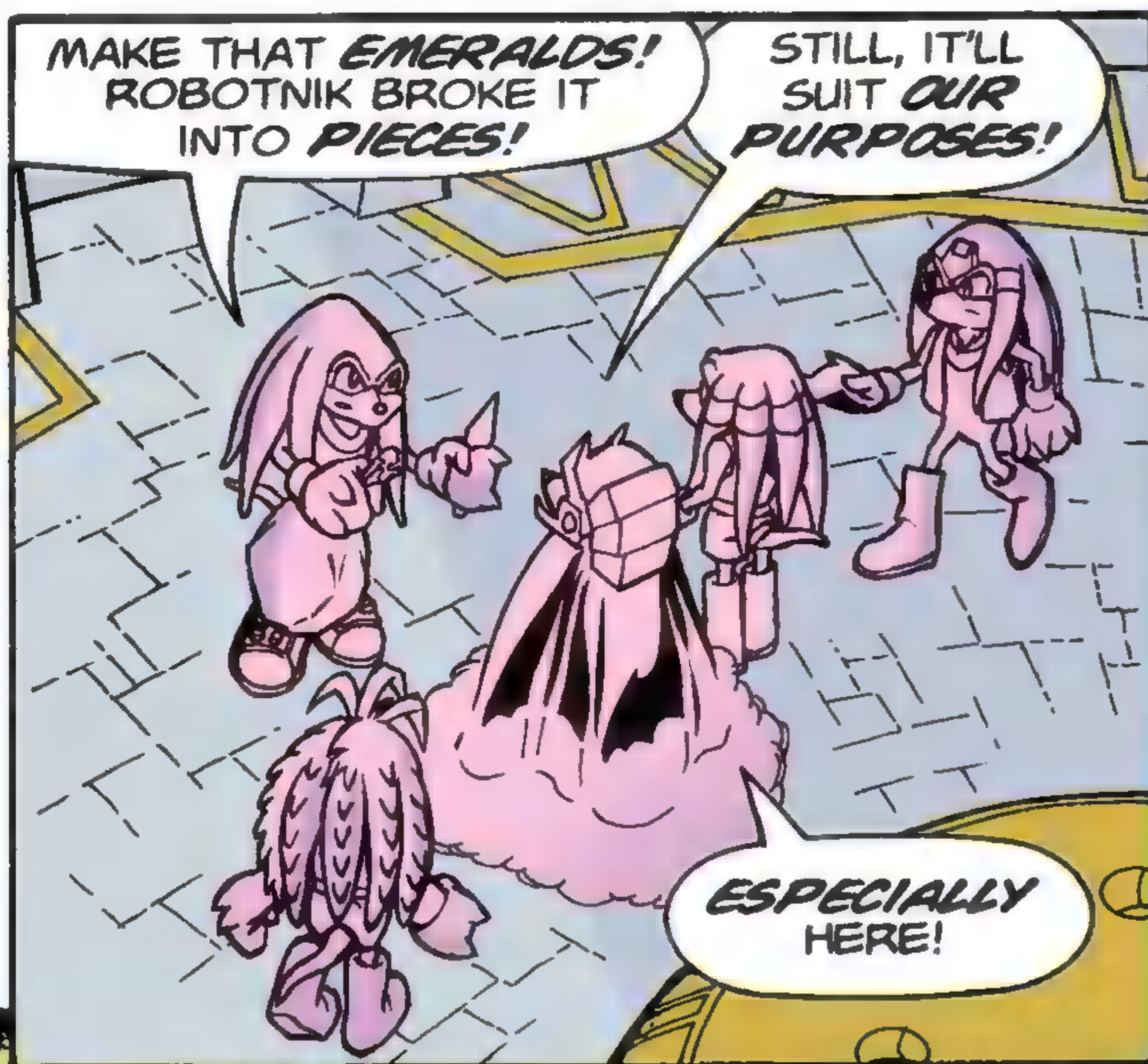
BRIDGE
OVER
TROUBLED
WATERS

LOOKS LIKE
OUR LAD SAW
YOUR *SIGNAL*,
SPECTRE!

AT THE RATE THE
ISLAND IS GRADUALLY
SINKING, WE DON'T
HAVE TIME TO WASTE,
SABRE!

I TAKE IT YOU
HAVE THE *CHAOS
EMERALD* WITH
YOU!

KNUCKLES!
OVER HERE!



MAKE THAT **EMERALDS!**
ROBOTNIK BROKE IT
INTO **PIECES!**

STILL, IT'LL
SUIT **OUR**
PURPOSES!

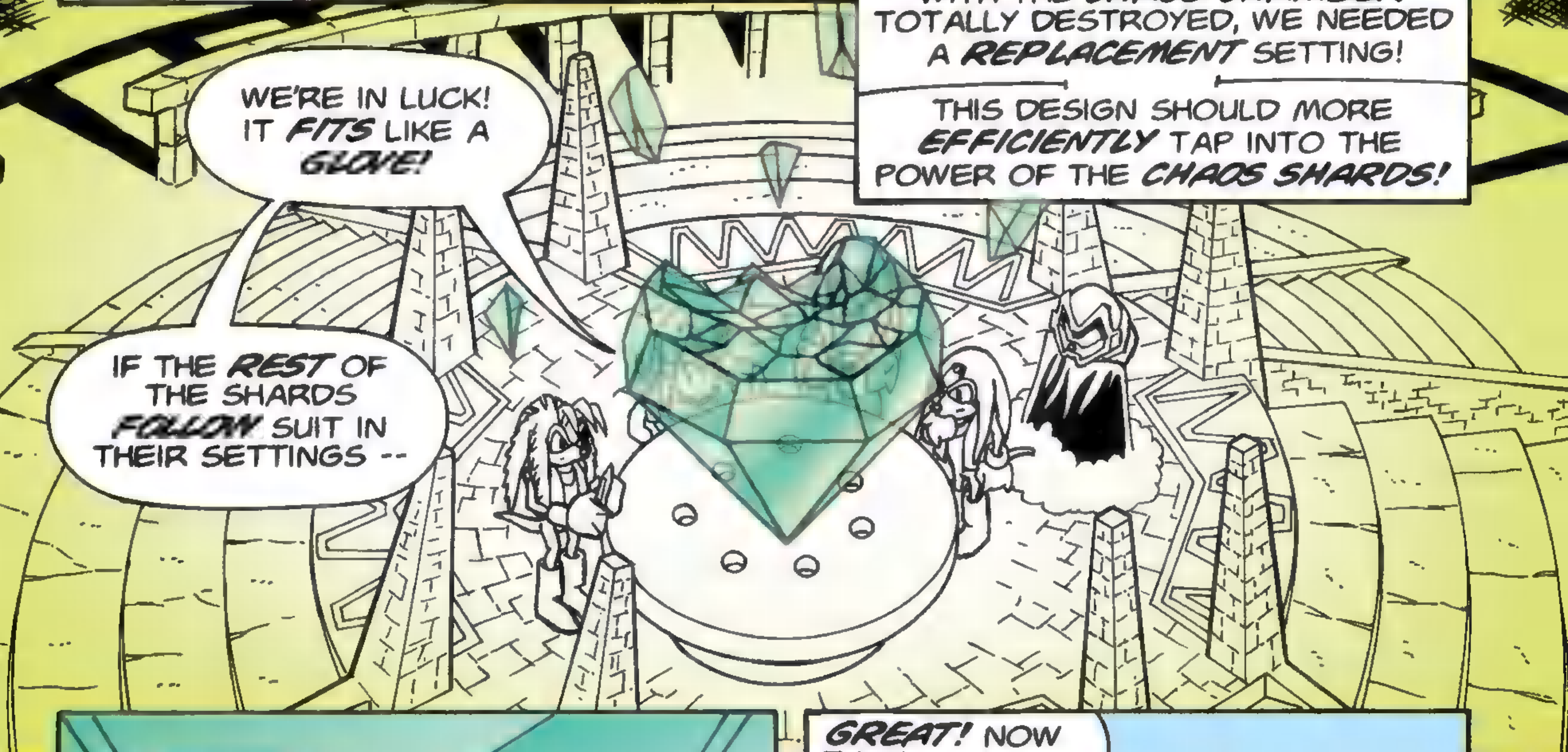
ESPECIALLY
HERE!



DEJA VU! THIS
PLACE LOOKS
FAMILIAR!

WITH THE **CHAOS CHAMBER**
TOTALLY DESTROYED, WE NEEDED
A **REPLACEMENT** SETTING!

THIS DESIGN SHOULD MORE
EFFICIENTLY TAP INTO THE
POWER OF THE **CHAOS SHARDS!**



WE'RE IN LUCK!
IT **FITS** LIKE A
GLOVE!

IF THE **REST** OF
THE SHARDS
FOLLOW SUIT IN
THEIR SETTINGS --



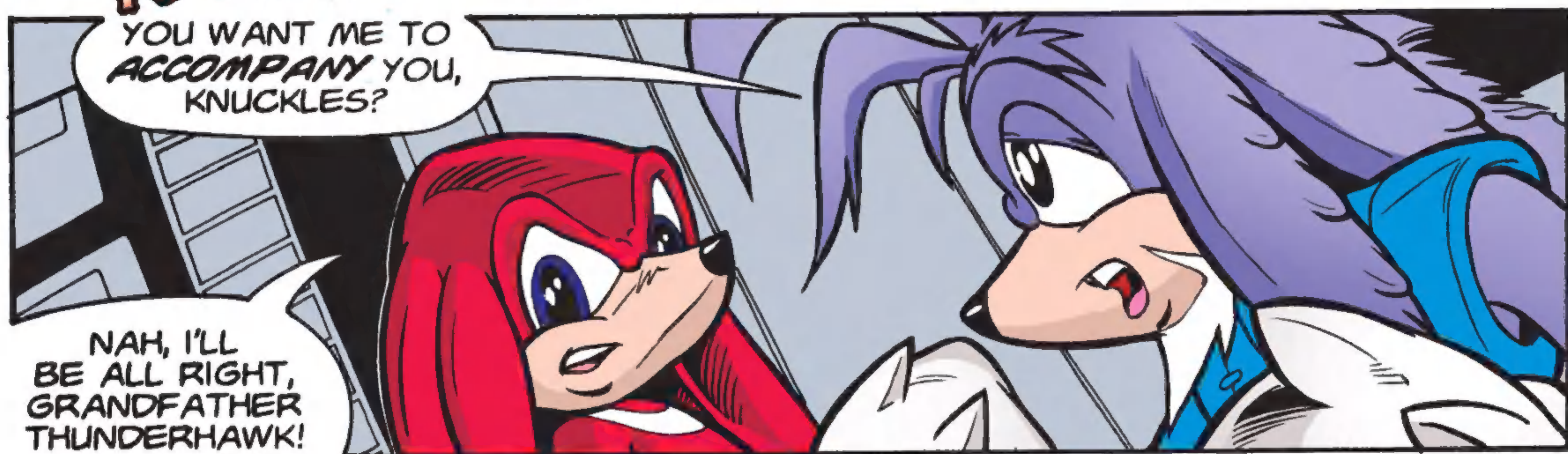
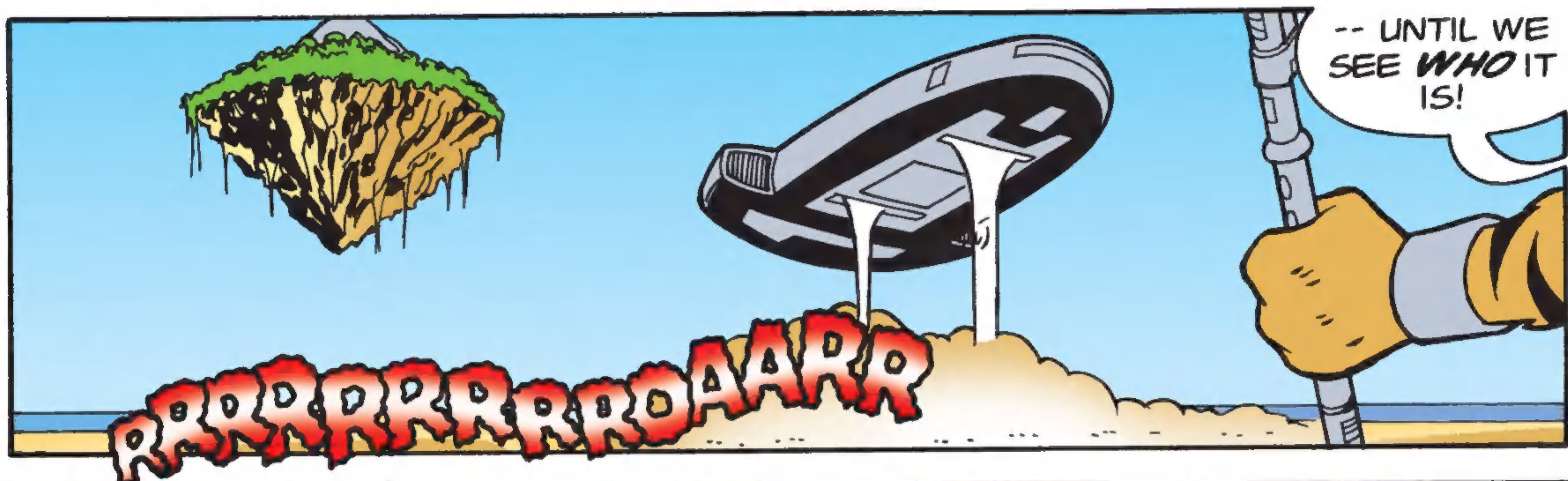
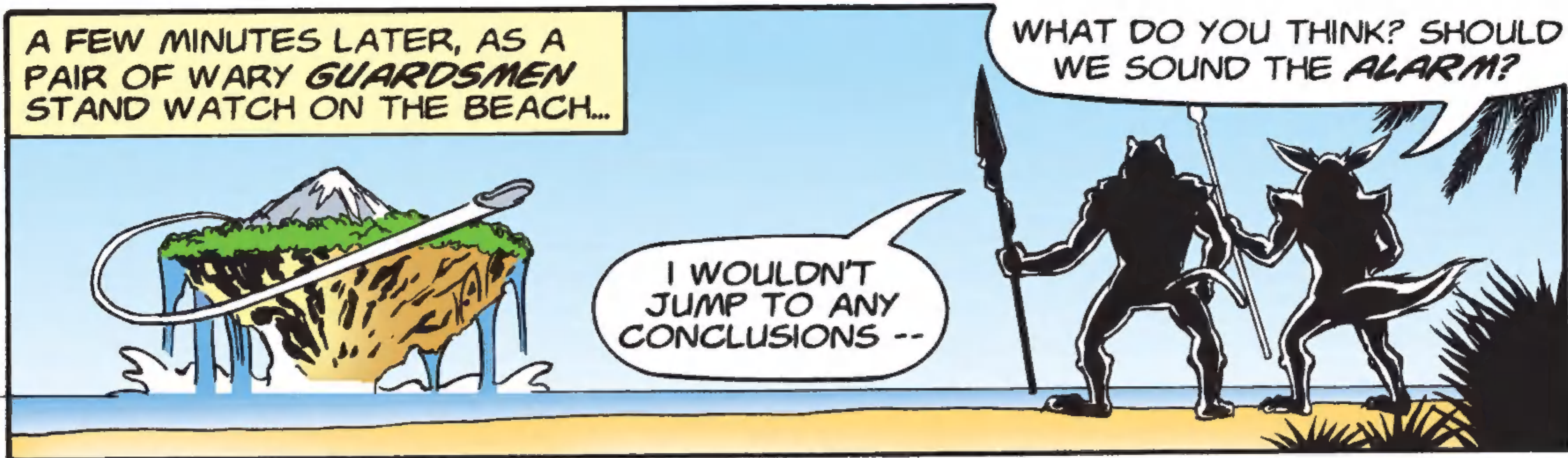
-- WE'RE IN
BUSINESS!

ALL
SYSTEMS
ARE GO!



GREAT! NOW
THAT WE HAVE
LIFT-OFF --

-- DOES ANYONE
KNOW **WHERE** MY
FATHER IS?



FURTHER INTO THE JUNGLE, WE FIND...

WHADDYA MAKE OF *THAT*, MIGHTY?

SOMEONE'S SURE GOT *TALENT*, VECTOR!

DIDN'T WE SEE SOMETHING *LIKE* IT BACK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, JULIE-SU?

AT THE *DARK LEGION* COMPLEX, ESPIO!

AT THE
DARK
LEGION
COMPLEX,
ESPION!

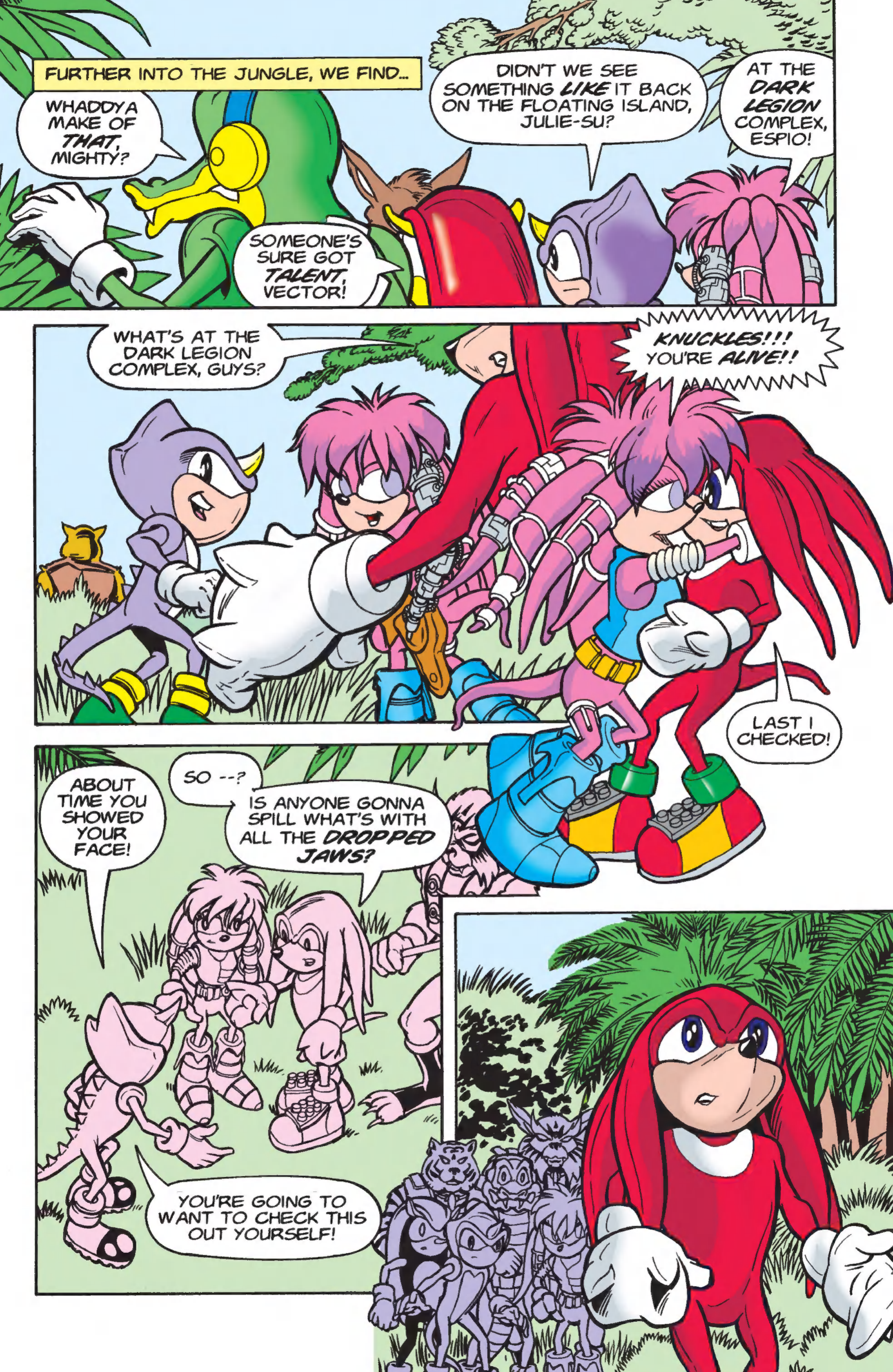
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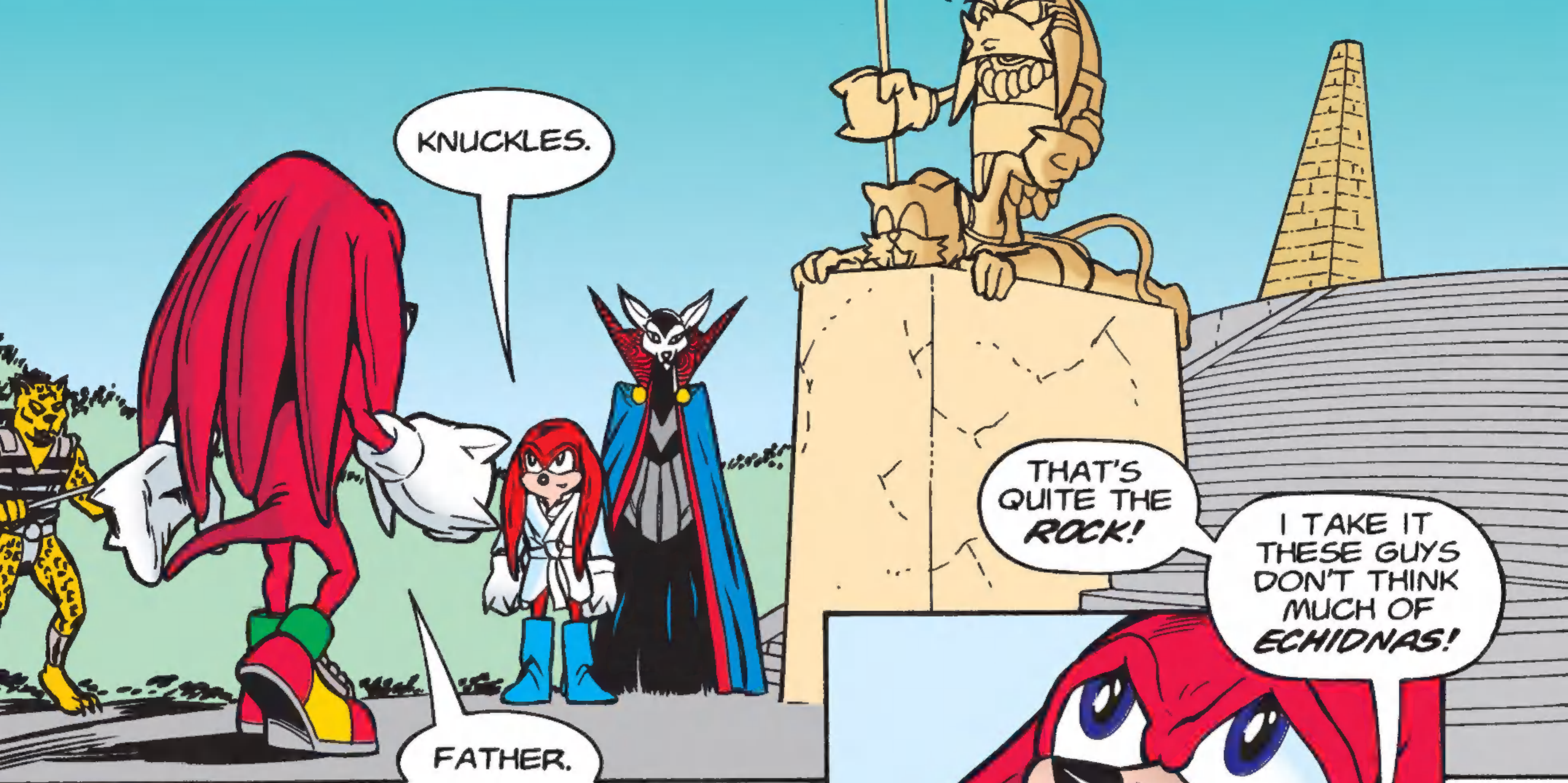
**“KNUCKLES!!!
YOU’RE ALIVE!!!”**

LAST I
CHECKED!

IS ANYONE GONNA
SPILL WHAT'S WITH
ALL THE **DROPPED**
JAWS?

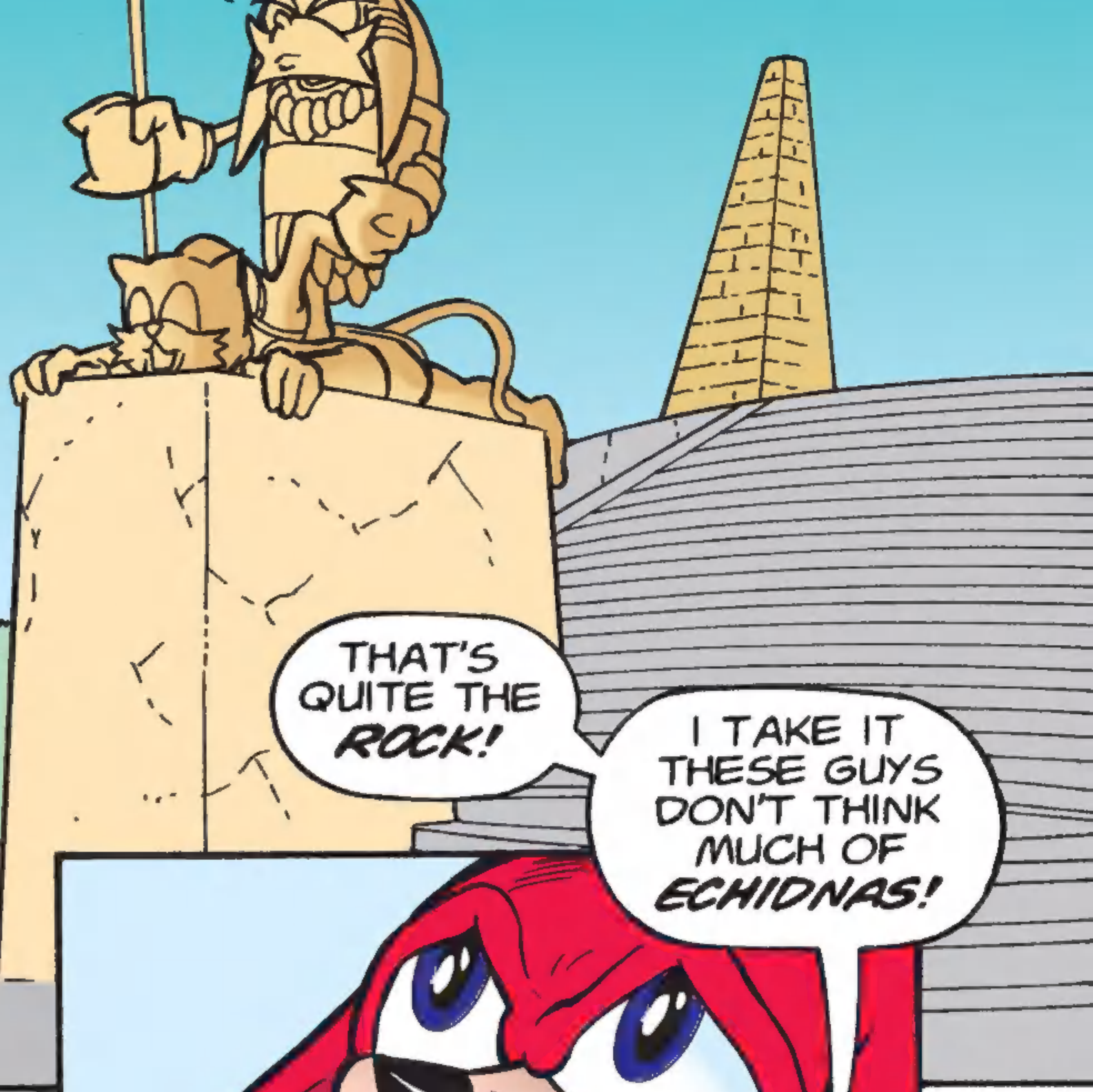
YOU'RE GOING TO
WANT TO CHECK THIS
OUT YOURSELF!





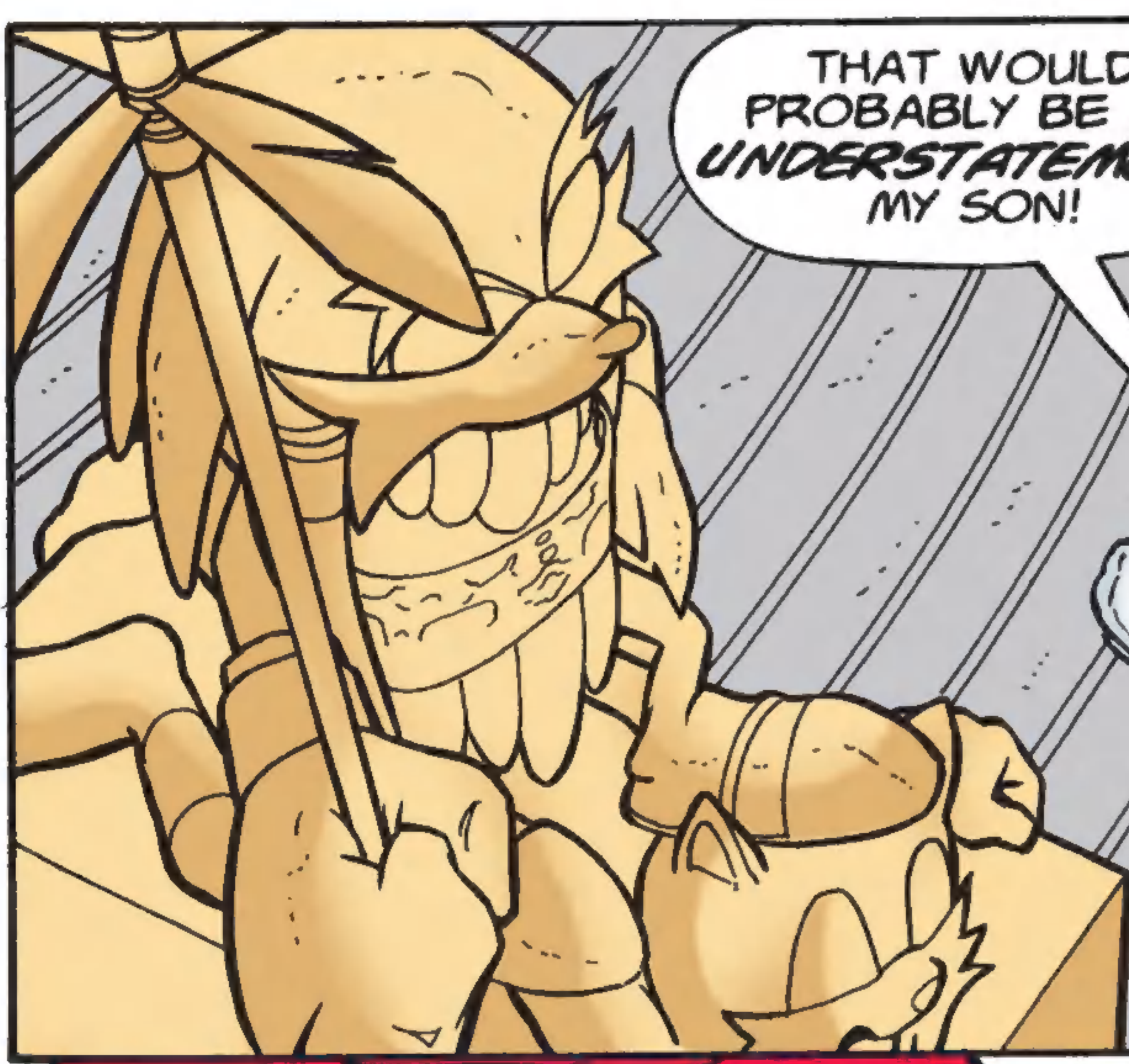
KNUCKLES.

FATHER.

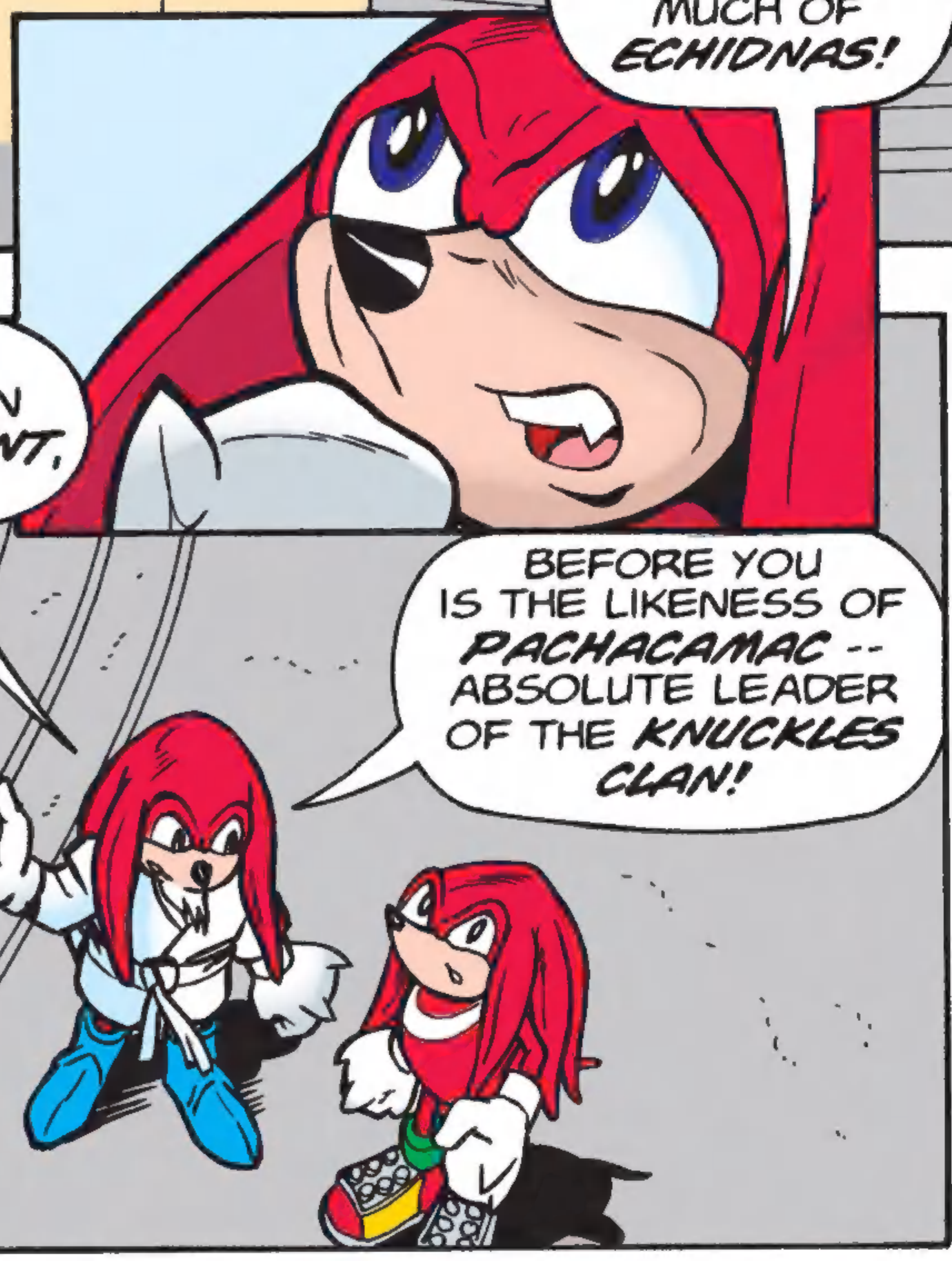


THAT'S QUITE THE ROCK!

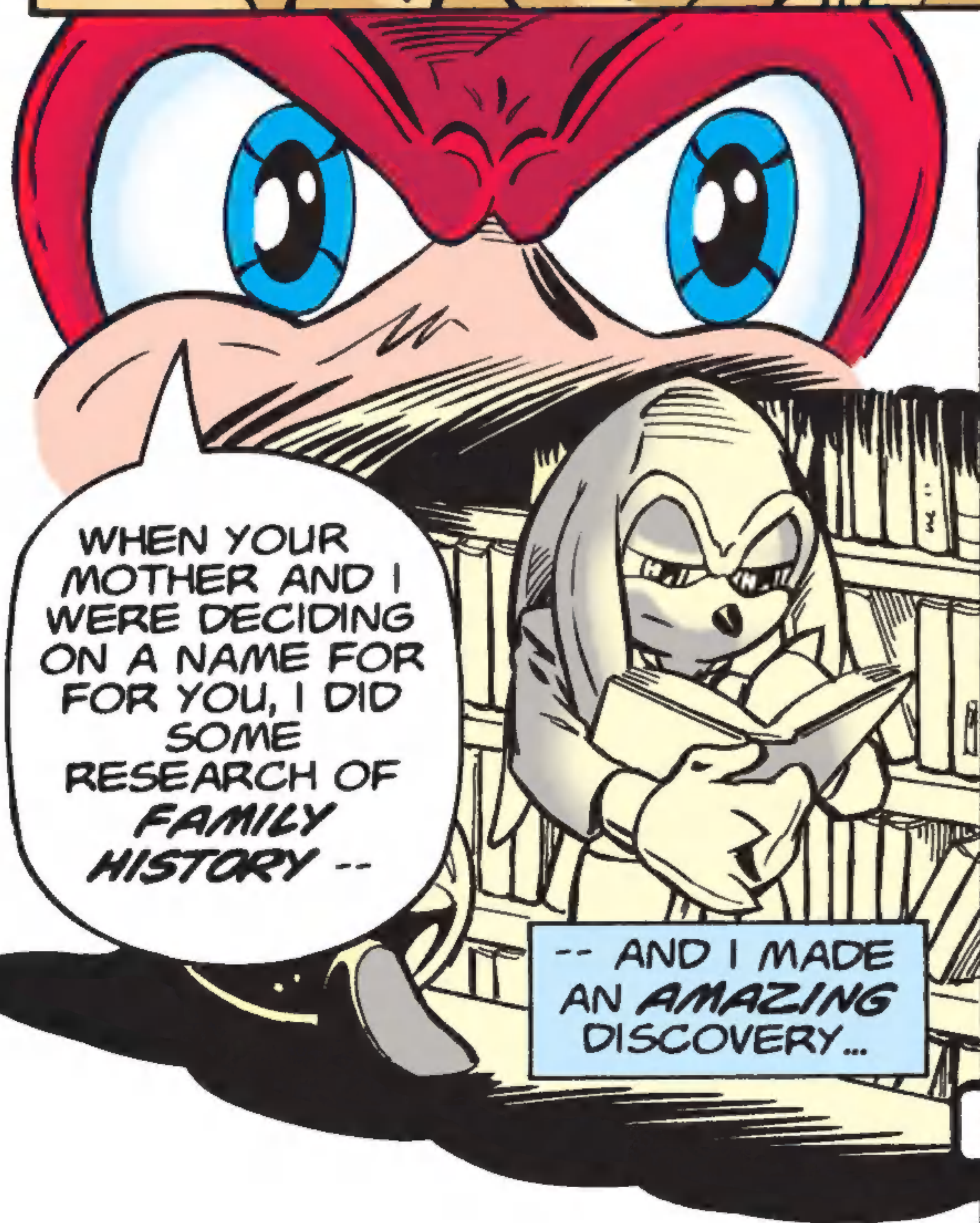
I TAKE IT THESE GUYS DON'T THINK MUCH OF ECHIDNAS!



THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT, MY SON!

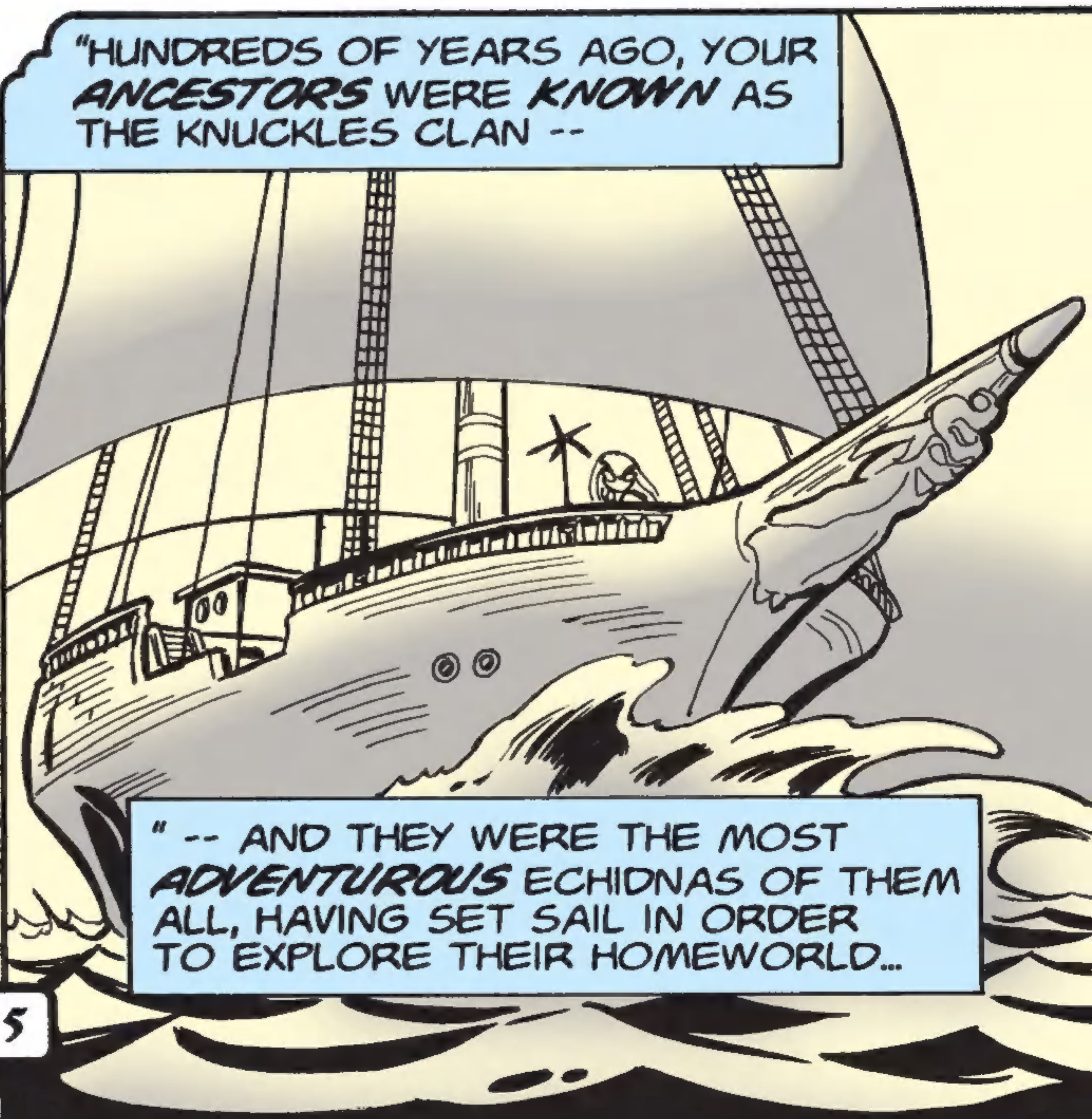


BEFORE YOU IS THE LIKENESS OF PACHACAMAC -- ABSOLUTE LEADER OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN!



WHEN YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE DECIDING ON A NAME FOR FOR YOU, I DID SOME RESEARCH OF FAMILY HISTORY --

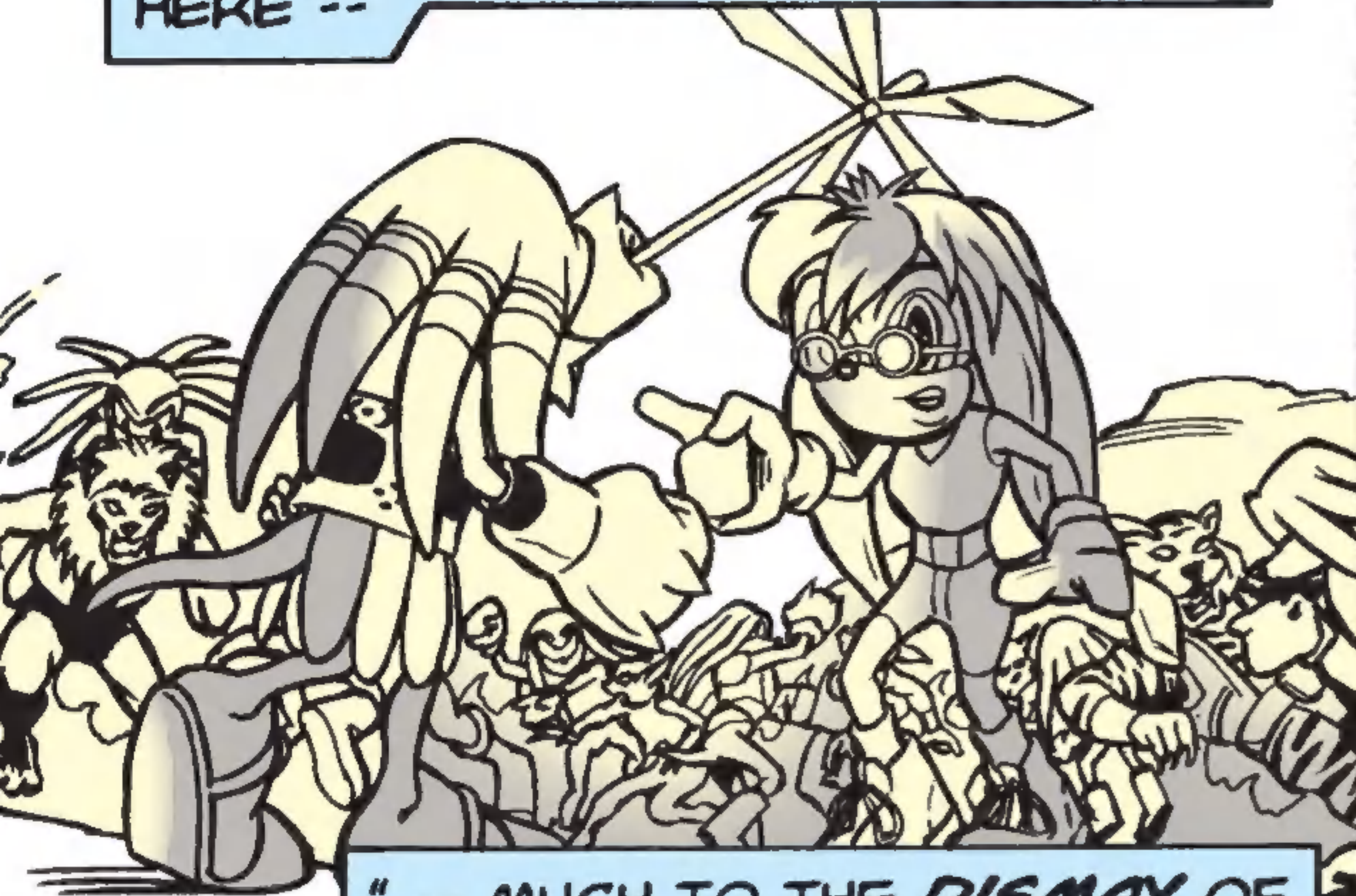
-- AND I MADE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY...



"HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, YOUR ANCESTORS WERE KNOWN AS THE KNUCKLES CLAN --

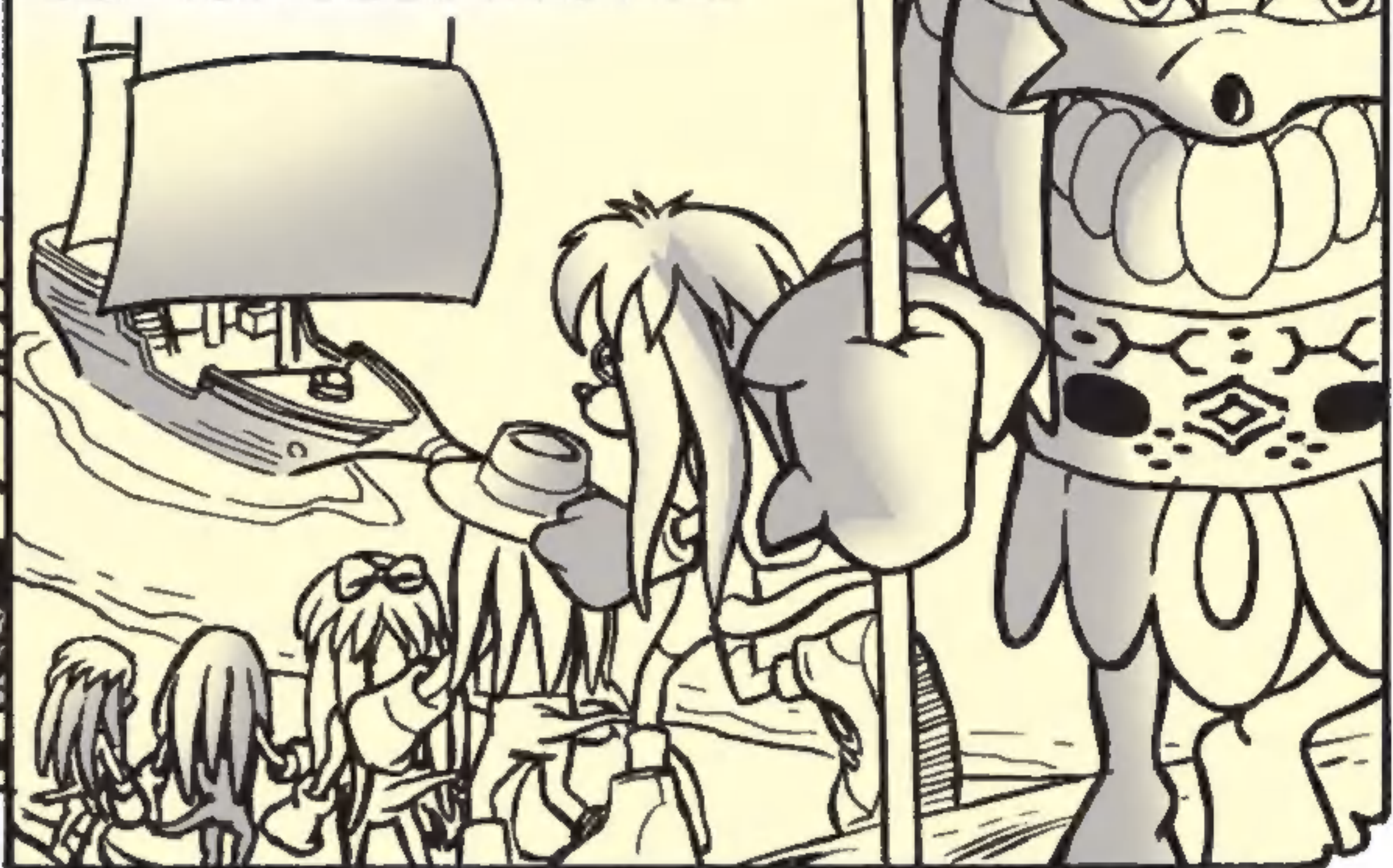
-- AND THEY WERE THE MOST ADVENTUROUS ECHIDNAS OF THEM ALL, HAVING SET SAIL IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THEIR HOMELAND...

"WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY REACHED THIS LAND, **PACHACAMAC** LED THE **WARRIOR** FACTION OF THE FAMILY AGAINST THE **NATIVES** WHO LIVED HERE --

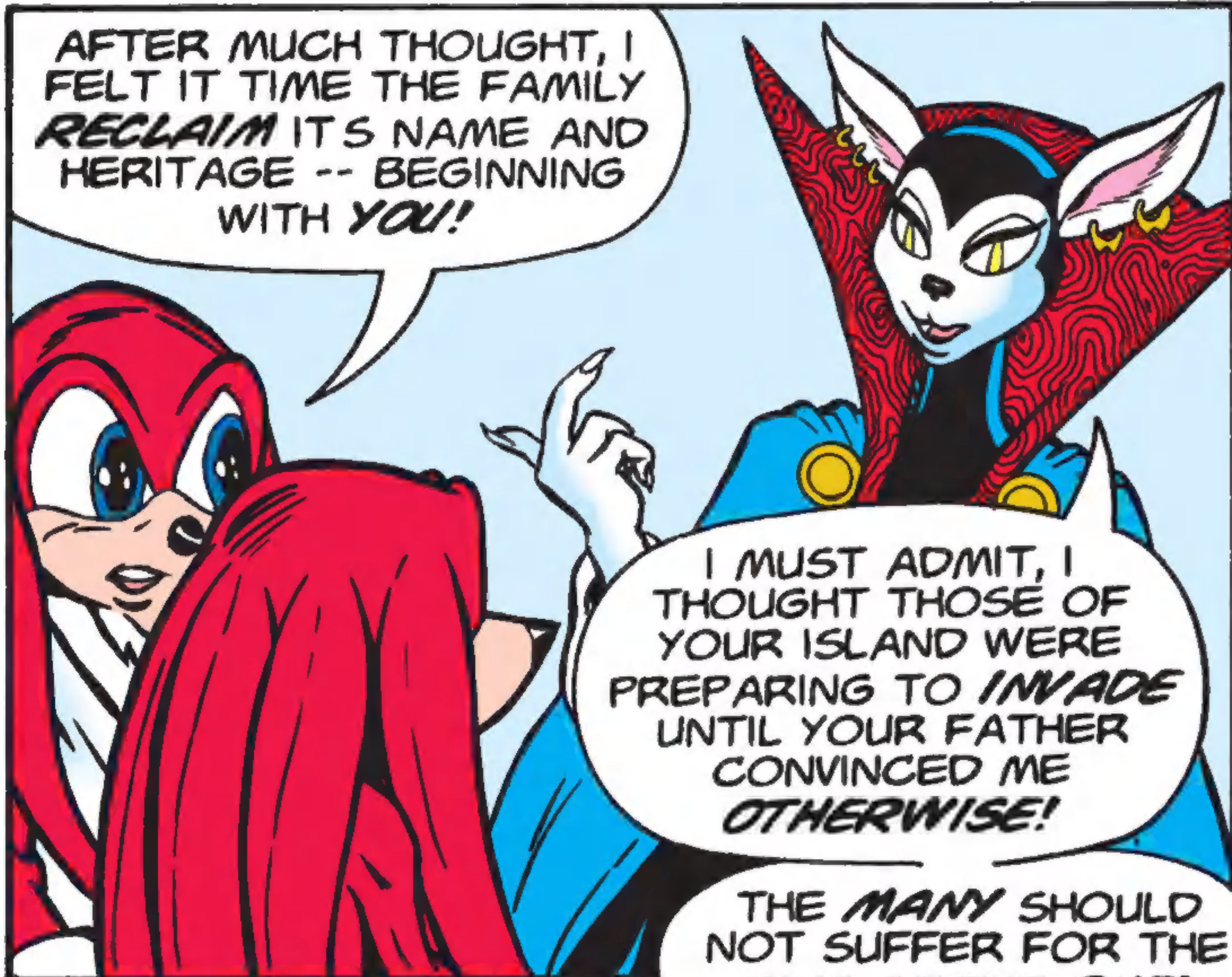


" -- MUCH TO THE **DISMAY** OF THE REST OF THE FAMILY...

"THE **SCHOLARS** AND **LABORERS** OF THE GROUP **REJECTED** **PACHACAMAC** AND HIS FOLLOWERS, EVEN **RENOUNCING** ANY CLAIM TO THE **KNUCKLES' FAMILY NAME**, AND DEPARTED TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE...



AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, I FELT IT TIME THE FAMILY **RECLAIM** ITS NAME AND HERITAGE -- BEGINNING WITH **YOU!**



I MUST ADMIT, I THOUGHT THOSE OF YOUR ISLAND WERE PREPARING TO **INVADE** UNTIL YOUR FATHER CONVINCED ME **OTHERWISE!**

THE **MANY** SHOULD NOT SUFFER FOR THE SINS OF THE **ONE!**

WHOA!



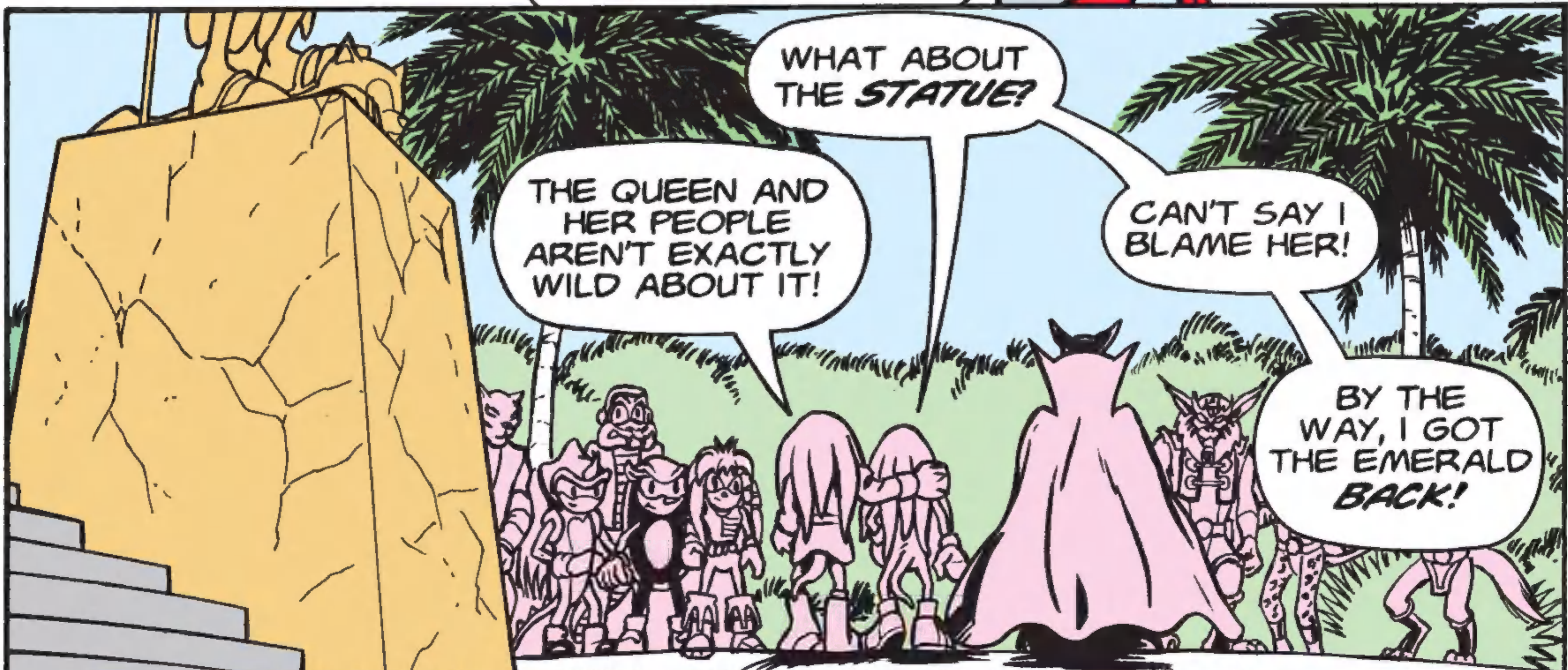
AT LEAST WE DIDN'T PULL YOUR NAME OUT OF A HAT!

WHAT ABOUT THE **STATUE?**

THE QUEEN AND HER PEOPLE AREN'T EXACTLY WILD ABOUT IT!

CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER!

BY THE WAY, I GOT THE **EMERALD BACK!**



OUR **SONIC ADVENTURE** MAY BE OVER, BUT **KNUCKLES' SAGA** CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14**, THEN JOIN US IN **SONIC #88** AS **RAD RED** BEGINS A **NEW PHASE** OF ADVENTURES!